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Membership Dues

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Click here for membership application link.

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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.**

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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 $30 for single adult membership, $36 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
2nd Friday of April 7:30 p.m.
at the
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1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood, Colorado
Hotline: (303) 595-5448
www.eurekathc.com

LuLubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

By
Bill Chapman

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cypher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each character in the message with a letter of the alphabet. Every time a particular character occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code letter. Word spacing and punctuation are not changed.

Some people like to solve cryptograms much like some people like to do crossword puzzles. The cryptogram is solved by looking for frequently used characters and clues provided by letter patterns and word spacing. Solve the cryptogram shown below, find LuLu's bling and bring it to the next regular Eureka! meeting to collect a prize.

Last month's solution:
this week little lulubelle was looking at the stars. she visited a park with an observatory in it. she saw the words proxima and bentauri embossed on the sidewalk. then she saw the playground and a nearby slide. it was there she lost her bling.

Park: Observatory Park

Prize: 5 golden dollar coins, sponsored by Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors.

FIND OF THE MONTH ENTRIES

GOLD CATEGORY

Sam Knopp ..... 10K Teeny Diamond Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 10K Tiny Diamond Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 10K Latin Inscribed Medallion
Devan Romero ..... 14K Ring
Chuck Hedberg ..... Diamond Wedding Set Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg ..... Silver Pendant With Blue Stone
Brian Henry ..... Silver Ring With Stars
Randy Sable ..... Silver Ring With Blue Stone
Joe Koch ..... Gold Plated Heart Locket
Roy Neyes ..... Garnet Ring
Jim Merritt ..... Mickey Mouse Ring
Jim Merritt ..... Celtic Style Silver Band
John Hinton ..... German Eagle Silver Ring
Chris Davis ..... "Big Rock" Silver Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Devan Romero ..... No Date Buffalo Nickel
Brian Henry ..... 1917 Canadian One Cent
Joe Koch ..... 1945 S War Nickel
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1921 Italian C20
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1898 Barber Dime
Chuck Hedberg ..... 1929 S Standing Liberty Quarter

TOKEN CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt ..... Josh Clare 1639 Curtis Denver / 12½
Jim Merritt ..... Trappers Chop House / $20
Chuck Hedberg ..... Gut Fur 1/2 Liter Bier

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Doug Cohen ..... Rivet With Star
Joe Koch ..... Button
Roy Neyes ..... Elephant Weight
Jeff Lubbert ..... Arrowhead
Brian Henry ..... Sargents Hotel Tag
Sam Knopp ..... Captain Midnight Decoder
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1910-1911 Denver Dog Tag
Ron Erickson ..... Liberty Trucking Parts Co. Watch Fob
Chuck Hedberg ..... Commemorative Silver Spoon

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Gold: natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item.

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 (includes GOLD coins of any nation).

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued as money by some person or body not of a governmental authority; can be redeemed for services or specified items.

Artifact: simple object showing human workmanship or modification.

Find of the Month Winners - March

JEWELRY - Chris Davis

Silver "Big Rock" Ring

Chris was practicing using his probe and pinpointer in a small park on his first hunt in Golden. He pulled up this nice ring while detecting with his Minelab Sovereign with a 12" coil.

Chuck Hedberg
Using his AT Pro with DD 8.5 x 11" coil, Chuck wins in four categories!

GOLD

Diamond Wedding Set Ring

Being the first one there and getting permission at an 1881 house scrape, Chuck dug four inches down to find this great 14K ring with diamonds.

ARTIFACT

Commemorative Silver Spoon

Six inches deep, this spoon came out of the backyard of a house demo, again Chuck got permission on the spot. The spoon is etched with "Lois" and "1905" and the Pekin Illinois Court house 1863 is commemorated.

TOKEN

German Beer Token

At the same backyard the ring was found, about 5" down by the incinerator area, Chuck thought it was a 'clingker' but this "Gut Fur 1/2 Liter Bier" token popped out.

COIN

1925 S Standing Liberty Quarter

On Grove Street, Chuck got permission from the owner on the spot, where he found this silver quarter 3 1/2 inches down in the front yard of the house being remodeled.

The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson

Spring is finally here! For the relic hunters in the group, I hope you spent some time this winter researching new areas to hunt. I have a couple of new places in mind and will hit some of my old favorites. For the park hunters, I'm sure you're looking forward to seeing all the people in the parks and thinking about them replenishing the parks with coins and jewelry. And for the construction site hunters, the boom that has been going through the winter looks like it will continue into summer. I am seeing scrape offs all over town. I'll be starting off my spring hunting season with an upcoming trip to Florida with my wife Linda, and Richard and Linda Kibler. I'm confident our vice president, Boots Lewis, will do a fantastic job heading up the April meeting while I am detecting the warm water and sunny beaches.

Jeff Lubbert, John Cornelisse, Win Faires and John Steele will be back from their trip to Diggin' in Virginia and should have great stories and relics to share at the April meeting. As I am writing this, they are in Virginia fighting some winter weather and have accumulated quite a bit of that notorious red Virginia dirt in the form of mud on their equipment, so maybe they will bring some of that back as well.

I'd like to thank Jay & Jan Reed for putting on a great March hunt. It looked like everyone had fun. Time spent in fellowship and hunting with good friends is a true treasure and I hope none of us take it for granted.

The Breakfast Club is off and running, or should I say, off and swinging. If you are interested in joining the retired, the unemployed, those with flex schedules, or just those playing hooky during the week, contact Win Faires or Bill Abercrombie or get signed up on the list at the April club meeting.

With the arrival of warmer weather, we are going to start doing some fun hunts at different parks/locations around the town. The idea is to get people together and have some fellowship and hunt time. A date, time and place will be suggested in the newsletter and anyone who would like to show up and hunt for any amount of time is welcome. We would like to spread the locations out around the city, so if you would like to suggest a place to go, please let us know and we will publish it in the newsletter.

Happy hunting, Ron

Get your Bunny Feet on and…

Hop To It And Hunt!

Sunday April 13th, 2014

Rosamond Park--8001 Quincy Ave.
Time: 2:00 Nibbles (snacks)
2:30 Start Swinging!

Bring a chair and a snack. Lots of coinage!
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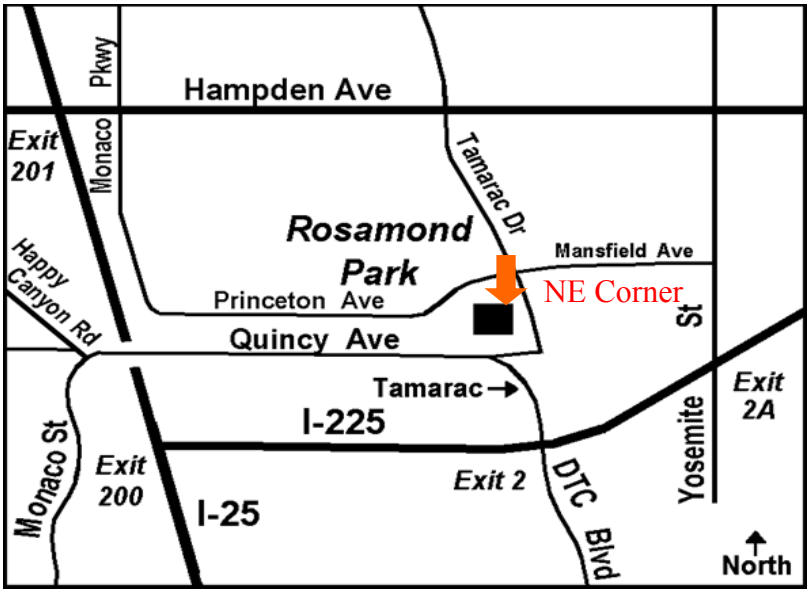
Questions? Call Jan Hallez 303 913-7346.



Upcoming 2014 Events

APRIL EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:
Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions.
Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, hats...
Finds ~ to show.
Answers ~ to puzzles.
Ideas ~ for speakers, fun outings.
Snacks ~ as always, treats for the snack table are appreciated.

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

APRIL: Jeff Lubbert will speak on his "Diggin' In Virginia" trip.
FUTURE: Bill Chapman, Training Session.
FUTURE: Dr. Michael Varnay, safe body movements, stretching, avoiding injury while detecting.

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

April 5, 2014 (Sat) Free Fun Hunt
City Park 9:00am
Meet at the boathouse.

April 13, 2014 (Sun) Hop To It & Hunt!
Rosamond Park, NE corner, $15
Nibbles: 2:00pm, Hunt: 2:30pm
Contact: Jan Hallez 303 913-7346

April 19, 2014 (Sat) Breakfast Club
Sunrise Sunset 1424 S. Wadsworth
9:00am
Contact Nancy Faires 303 368-1356
Or Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504

April 27, 2014 (Sun) Free Fun Hunt
Bible Park 6:00pm
Meet in the NE parking lot.

SHOWS TO SEE

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July 12, 2014
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2014 CALENDAR

April
4th - Newsletter published
5th - City Park Fun Hunt 9:00am
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm
13th - Hop To It And Hunt 2:00pm
19th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
25th - Soundoff Deadline
27th - Bible Park Fun Hunt 6:00pm

May
2nd - Breakfast Club TBD
2nd - Newsletter published
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
9th - General Meeting 7:30pm
10th - Out Of This World Hunt 6:00?p
17th - Breakfast Club TBD
30th - Soundoff Deadline

LINKED WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk
www.fmdac.org Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs
http:/www.relicroundup.blogspot.com
Relic Roundup Radio show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert 7pm Mondays), and blog.

In-Town Hunt Information

In-Town club hunts are meant to be fun, first and foremost. They provide a context outside of the meetings for fellowship with club members. To put on an in-town hunt you need to:

- Schedule with the Hunt Coordinator or President (see the contact list).
- Provide the Hunt Coordinator a plan.
- Send the hunt flyer to the newsletter editor in an appropriate format for insertion into the newsletter (see the contact list).
- Provide flyers at the monthly meeting.
- Ensure the hunt rules are discussed BEFORE the hunt.
- Police the hunt.
- Decide if the hunt is a members only or an open hunt (non-members may hunt).
- Write a story for the newsletter and send it and accompanying photos to the newsletter editor prior to that month's deadline.

To ensure the continuation of this hobby and to provide the best impression of Eureka! and its membership, you, as hunt master, MUST enforce all rules, including:

1. Pouches to store finds and trash MUST be worn and used at all times during the hunt.

2. All hunters must wear headphones.

3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open. A first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt.

4. Hunters digging and leaving trash of any sort on the hunt field will receive the same treatment discussed above.

All hunts will need to be okayed by Hunt Coordinator (see the contact list) prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

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Training Class

Jeff Lubbert headed up a class open to all members on detecting methods and tools before the Lucky Charm Hunt. He discussed how to dig targets, what to use to dig them and many good tips about detecting in general. Jeff shared his personal equipment must haves and what not to leave home without and why. The class had something for every member, new or experienced. Great job Jeff!

Thanks to John Cornelisse for getting the training sessions organized and launched.

Look forward to Bill Champman's knowledge at a future training!

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Unlisted Does Not Necessarily Speak to Rarity

by Scott M. Hopkins

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The term 'unlisted' is becoming more of a selling point for many casual exonumia dealers. They often target investors or speculators but are sometimes just as successful at selling to new and old collectors alike. Just the word unlisted gives a potential buyer or bidder the roaring feeling of an unknown, incredible rarity that can be had at a fraction of the cost of the typical key date U.S. Coin. But, is an unlisted token really that rare?

Unlisted does not necessarily speak for or substitute rarity. A token can be very common and still be unlisted. Likewise, it could prove to be incredibly scarce, a rare find for your collection. The term unlisted simply tells the potential buyer that the token is not listed in the relevant literature, catalog or newsletter. The problem is that a growing number of dealers are using the designation 'unlisted' to conjure up ideas of rarity.

The first problem we run into is that the average token is actually listed. Most casual dealers and many professional coin dealers do not care to spend the time on tokens. For them the profit margins are just not there and the time it takes – what we call passion – is not around. Thus, they likely skip the relevant catalog altogether and simply listed it as unlisted for the sake of drawing eyes. Bidders on eBay will often see in the title written as 'unlisted?' oftentimes with 'unique?' This literally translates to: “don't care much about this token but, maybe I'll get some hits from people searching for a rarity.

The second problem we run into is that many tokens are unlisted for a very good reason. A catalog I study quite frequently is Gaylor Lipscomb's *Ohio Merchant To-*

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Wheatridge requires permits to metal detect in their city. No hunting is allowed October through March. They are accepting permit applications which will allow metal detecting April 1 - September 30, 2014.

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kens. When I see Ohio tokens listed in mail bid sales, eBay and even online encyclopedia's as unlisted it is often because they are not 'merchant tokens.' Sellers list a token produced to commemorate an event, like a local town anniversary and sell it as unlisted in Ohio. Yes, they are unlisted but not because they are rare or even that the author could not find them. Instead, they are unlisted because they are not the topic of a catalog or reference book. The same is true of many regional or topic specific catalogs.

Similarly, an unlisted token may be just unlisted because the author originally had access to only a select number of token examples at the time of writing. Much of the difficulty in compiling a catalog begins in making contacts with the preeminent collectors and gaining access to the information in their vast collections. Some authors simply consulted their own collections, those of friends and perhaps members of a niche group. That does not mean that there are no other collectors out there. In fact, there are probably many casual collectors who have collections of all sizes that would be worth consulting. This is both an issue of time and logistics. An offer to reference their collection may be turned down and a wealth of information left out. Again, this does not speak to rarity.

Spyderco Token

Most state-by-state and theme catalogs were compiled and published well before the birth of internet tools like Ancestory.com that make searching street, city and county records as easy as the click of a mouse. Authors did not have access to these tools and often had to travel from place-to-place, spending countless hours in local libraries. Time and financial resources eventually had to give to a publication deadline. Not only that but, a number of documents that would have been useful in attributing or finding tokens have only come to light more recently. Just because attributing a token or finding it existed was an endeavor, it does not mean that token is necessarily rare.

The third problem is that some casual token dealers may have the library of catalogs – making a great effort to accommodate us – but are missing the corresponding literature like club journals and newsletters to put all of the facts together. For example, a ghost town token may be unlisted in the standard catalog but, an article in the NTCA journal *Talkin Tokens* may have it identified. It may be incredibly rare or unique. It may be as common as they come. This is often an honest mistake and can be forgiven, for few outside of our community hold such a numismatic library. Even

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so, a number of collectors will maintain the attribute "unlisted" because it is still not in the standard reference. Nevertheless, it does not define rarity on its own.

The lack of a connection between unlisted tokens and rarity is an important one. For one, finding genuinely unlisted examples helps aid in the completion of our collection and the cataloging of a series. By automatically pairing them with rarity and hype we make their prices unattainable or much higher than they necessarily should be.

Note from Linda: Ron and I have been members of the NTCA for a number of years. If you are interested, check them out at http://www.tokencollectors.org/

Eureka! Breakfast Club: The Eureka! Breakfast Club will meet the First Friday and the Third Saturday every month.

Next meeting: Saturday, April 19th, 9:00am, Sunrise Sunset, 1424 S. Wadsworth.

Contact Bill Abercrombie 303-525-0504 or Nancy Faires 303-368-1356 if you are interested in meeting for breakfast and then going out metal detecting with other club members.

Look Who's Joining the Fun

By
John Cornelisse

New to Eureka! this month are Gary Porter and his wife Nancy, who live in Broomfield. Both Gary and Nancy are retired from working. Gary's hobby (according to Nancy) is collecting metal detectors; he owns seven of them, and according to his wife, he needs to start using them. Yea, that's telling him! Gary told me of two: an XP Deus and an A/T Gold. Their email is gpo6169760@aol.com.

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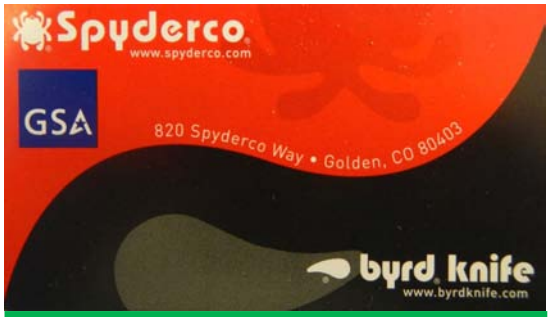

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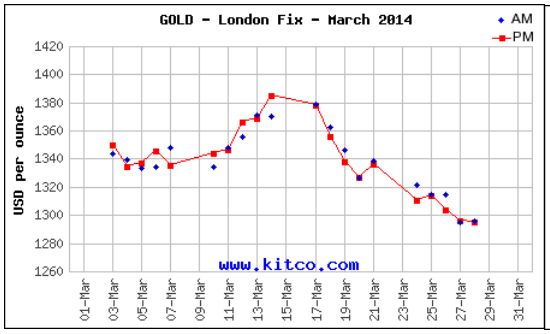

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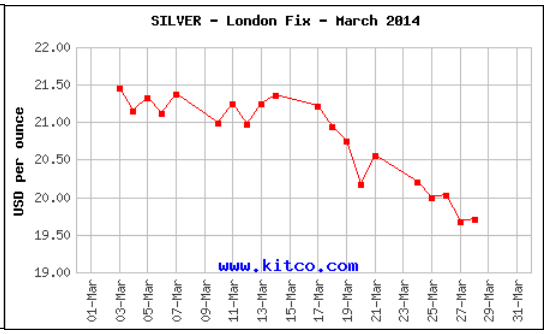

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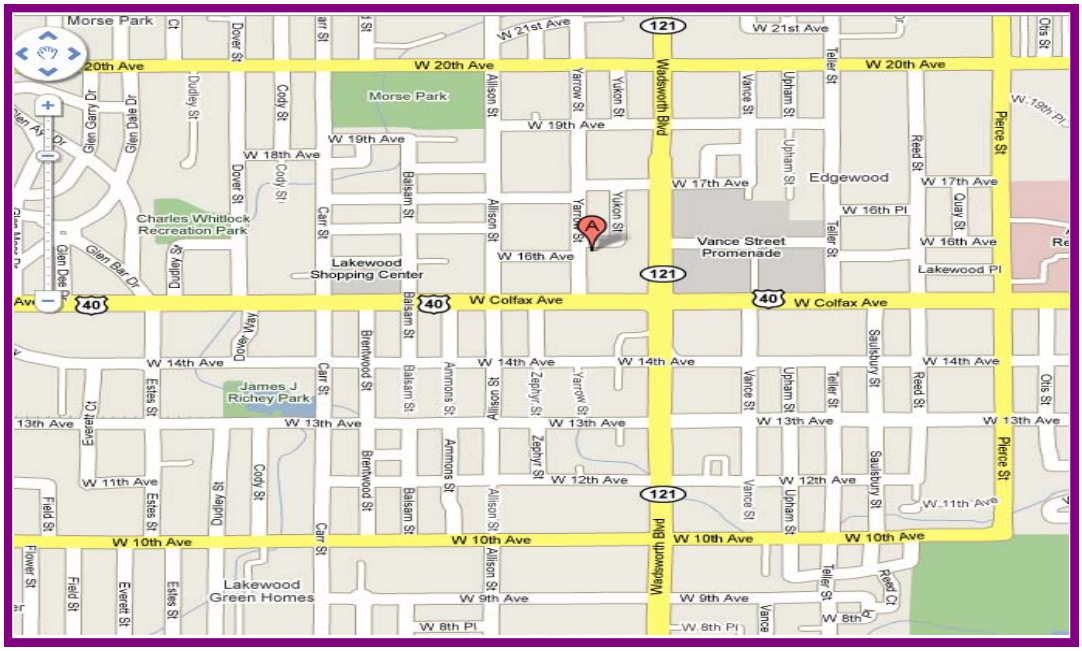

Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires

March 14, 2014

President Ron Erickson called the March Eureka! Club meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 90 people present including 7 guests and 3 new members. The Officers and Board Members were introduced. This was our first meeting in the new room on the first floor.

Membership renewal is in March. Dues are $30 for a single membership and $36 for a family membership. Everyone needs to fill out the membership application to help us keep our records updated. The applications can be printed from the website or see Linda Kibler or Nancy Faires for a copy.

Linda Kibler presented the treasurers report.

Ron introduced the new Club name tags by wearing a sample.

The May hunt will be a meteorite hunt at night. To help everyone identify their finds, our speaker tonight is **Matthew Morgan**. After his presentation, Matt will sell copies of his book "The Handbook of Colorado Meteorites" for $10.

February – **Valentines/President's Day Hunt** – Linda Kibler and Linda Erickson
February 16 - Inspiration Park – weather was great; large turnout of members; enjoyed by all. The Spyderco token was found by Jay Reed.

March – **Lucky Charm Hunt** – Jay Reed
March 16 – Majestic View Park – lunch at 12 Noon; hunt at 1 PM. Jeff Lubbert will provide a training session on recovery methods at 11 AM.

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April – **Hop To It And Hunt** - Jan Hallez
April 13 – more information next month.

Tip of the Month – Jay Reed
Use bicycle tubing as a sleeve to attached a cord for securing your Pro-Pointer.

The Club will begin training classes this year. John Cornelisse is planning the classes and Bill Chapman has agreed to help. Bill will speak at the May and the August club meetings.

The canned food donated at the February meeting was taken to a food bank in Broomfield. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We are selling tickets for $1 each for the oak display box built and donated by John Cornelisse. Thank you to John for donating the box.

The **June** hunt will be held at the Lazy Heart Ranch. It will be a **Silver Bonanza**. The fee is $100 for an all day hunt and pig roast lunch.

Lulu's Bling – sponsored by Louise Smyth – Gold-N-Detectors. Devan Romero found the bling at Observatory Park and received 5 golden dollars plus a mercury dime. Thank you Louise for sponsoring this hunt.

The Club will begin having unstructured, planned fun hunts. The first will be **April 5 at City Park** in Denver. Anyone interested should meet at 9 AM at the boathouse. The second fun hunt will be **April 27 at Bible Park** in Denver, meet at 6 PM in the NE parking lot.

General Drawing
1893 Columbian Exposition half dollar – Ken Harmon
1897 Barber dime – Glen Thompson
1838 Seated liberty dime – Sheri Muehlbauer
1898 Barber dime – Laura Lewis
Morgan silver dollar – Chuck Hedberg
1858 Seated liberty half dollar – Ron Graves
Dos Peso – Chuck Sanders
1858 Flying eagle one cent – Mike Godkin
1850 Large cent – John Cornelisse
1944 S Walking liberty half dollar – Stephanie Godkin
Good Luck token – Ron Graves
1893 Barber quarter – Jay Reed

Membership Drawing
Silver dime – Chuck Hedberg

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Just For Fun Newsletter Clue
Silver dime – Louise Smyth

Finds of the Month
Jewelry – Chris Davis – silver dime
Gold – Chuck Hedberg – silver dime
Coin – Chuck Hedberg – silver dime
Token – Chuck Hedberg – silver dime
Artifact – Chuck Hedberg – silver dime

Thank you to everyone who brought food.

Joe and Bernice tallying Finds of the Month. Chuck Hedberg's name keeps coming up...

Ron handing out a prize to Chuck.

THE CLUE

Find the answer in the newsletter to *The Clue* to have your chance to win at the next Eureka! meeting.

Who offered the water detecting tip?

Last month's answer: The Spyderco token was on page 24.

Chuck Hedberg spent a lot of time collecting prizes this meeting, Congrats!

Silver Bonanza Hunt and Pig Roast
Lazy Heart Ranch June 15 $100

Lucky Charm Hunt

March 15, 2014
By Jay Reed

The Eureka! Club's March Lucky Charm Hunt for 2014 is now history. I would like to thank everyone that gave Jane and I the help we needed to make the hunt the success it was. The 43 participants made it one of the best attended monthly hunts in quite some time. The great weather contributed to good times and GOOD Huntin'.

Most folks don't know the amount of people that must contribute their time, effort and patience to make just a monthly hunt a success. The people that help can make you look "good" as a hunt chairman. I would like to thank some of those people that helped us and hope I don't forget anyone. Randy and Mary Sable, Richard and Linda Kibler (RL Vending), Nancy Faires, and of course my wife-Jane, for trying to keep me focused on my duties. There are others that always help like Ron Erickson and Jeff Lubert and my planters, Cindy Bockenstedt, Jan Hallez, Diane Dengah, John Hinton and again Randy Sable, Richard Kibler and Ron Erickson. There are others that I probably forgot-you know who you are-many thanks.

Another big thanks to Spyderco, and Boots and Laura Lewis, for making a high quality knife available to us for every hunt. I was lucky enough to win the special edition knife last month and this month the honor goes to a young member that seems to be a very tough and enthusiastic hunter- Devan Romero. He will receive the knife at the next meeting accompanied by his mom as you need to be 18 to own one.

Lunch was at 12 p.m. Many thanks to all those who brought the delicious side dishes that enhanced the ham and chicken salad, turkey and ham sandwiches.

The hunt started at 1 p.m. and included

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everything from dollars of various kinds and Kennedy halves (some silver clad--check yours carefully), down to quarters: clad and seated, down to dimes: seated, clad and bust, also buffalo nickels and Indian head pennies with silver rims, key chains and other "Lucky Charms".

Big winners of the top 10 prizes worth over $150 altogether included:

1. Bahama Islands Proof $2 Coin with 1.09oz silver	Sam Knopp
2. Binions Horseshoe $10 Gaming Token with .69oz silver	Cindy Bockenstedt
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4. Indian Head Round 1oz silver	Ron Erickson
5. Binions Horseshoe $10 Gaming Token with .69oz silver	Mary Norden
6. Indian Head Round 1oz silver	Tonette Romero
7. 1858 Seated Quarter	Diane Dengah
8. Shamrock Bracelet	Win Faires
9. 1891 Seated Dime	Jim Meritt
10. 1830 Seated Dime	Roy Neys

Robert Clearwater won the drawing for the gold coin!

Thanks again to everyone who attended and remember-if you have anything you can suggest (positive or constructive) to improve our hunt see any board member or make a point to come to a board meeting-you are always welcome-just let us know in advance. Help us take Eureka! Club into the future.

See you in the field.
Happy Huntin'
Jay & Jane Reed

The Gold Coin

By Chris Davis

You can tell gold and metal detector prices were considerably lower when I first wrote this essay back in 2003, but the idea is still sound.

I bet you will never guess what I got with my metal detector today. If, by some wild quirk of chance, you would have guessed an 1880, $10 gold piece, an Eagle, you would have been absolutely correct. Several questions quickly arise. Was I just lucky? Was I searching in a honey hole? Am I just skilled in metal detecting? Am I just a wonderful guy? Well, the answers to all these questions is yes. However, you will carefully note I did not say, "I found a gold coin with my metal detector". I said I got one with the aid of my metal detector. Only a low bred, bottom dwelling scum-sucker would purposely mislead folks.

What I did do, however, was come up with a great and original new idea. At least I thought it was a great and original new idea. I try to come up with one every 8 or 10 years. I thought I had discovered the wheel until I read article on a treasure hunting website where mention was made of the idea. Well, maybe I was not the first to come up with it, but it is such a good idea it definitely merits rehashing.

My dear sweet adoring wife, who worships the ground I walk on, is always complaining about all the jars of junk and coins laying around the house I have dug up while metal detecting. Just last week she had the gall to comment that the sheer weight of coins I had rat holed was going to break the desk drawer. An idea suddenly came to me. I asked my loving wife, "Which would you rather have, 20 lbs. of corroded quarters, or one single gold coin?". She gave the matter a great deal of thought and reluctantly agreed, a single gold coin might be a nice change of pace, as much as she would hate to part with any of my unburied treasure. In reality, it was a no-brainer, even for someone like me who does not have much of a brain. I mean, really, how would you rate the intelligence of someone who wanders around in 90 degree heat or 20 degree cold, digging holes and looking for pennies with a

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$600 metal detector?

I could, just as easily, have taken the coins I found and applied them toward any one of a number of metal detecting accessories "I just had to have". Such items might have included a probe ($160), a scoop ($115), a charger ($61), not mention another underwater metal detector which went for a piddling $1,000. Such a practical expenditure would have defeated the purpose. I have also already figured out, for what I spent on last metal detector alone, I could have gone out and bought both a $20 gold piece and a diamond ring. So, it is real obvious "smart" does not even come into play here.

I regularly work the local school yards and parks in attempt to beat the kids out of their lost lunch money. To quote Sherman, "War (and metal detecting) is…heck…". I been doing pretty well, mostly because I am bigger than most of the kids, "Get out of my way kid, I saw it first". Just kidding. For all you politically sensitive folks, that is a joke. Besides, most of the kids outweigh me 20 or 30 lbs. Anyway, after this latest idea I dumped all the coins out I had collected in the current year and tallied them up. I had 313 quarters, 364 dimes, 178 nickels, 951 pennies, 4 dollar bills and 1 ten dollar bill. You probably ask yourself, "How did he find those bills?". Well, the hits on the $1 bills have a lower tone than those on the $10 bills. It all comes down to knowing how to tweak your machine. Hey, I found them while metal detecting, they count. All this comes to a total of $147.06.

In addition, I gathered up all the other loose change I seem to have laying around the house in various piles and added it to my collection. Now the total came up to $169.78. I hauled all this loot up to the bank in a nice canvas bag they provided and turned it in. They counted and credited my account with this amount for no charge.

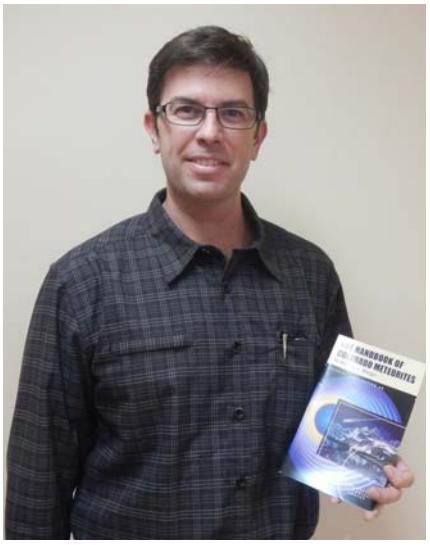
On the internet I found a nice $10 gold piece, an Eagle, in extra fine condition, for only $199 (remember, this was 2003), which included insurance and shipping. Technically, I still owe $30 on the exchange, but I figure that would only give me incentive to get back out there and a target to work toward.

Incidentally, I ran my Minelab Sovereign over my new gold coin and was amused to learn it read "540" on the digital meter, or, just the same as a zinc penny. This just underlines the point, if you want to find gold, you got to dig everything.

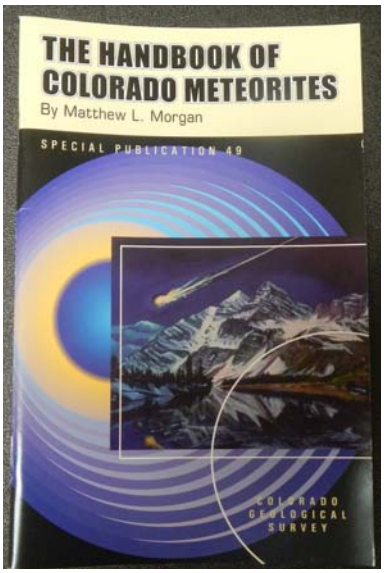
Well, I would like to chat more, but I have to get back to the pond. I hear there is some really good slime there needing my personal attention.

Thank You to Bill Chapman for donating meeting space for the Eureka! Board meetings.

Prizes for the upcoming Eureka! **"Out of this World"** hunt. Meteorites are in the upper left corner. This hunt will be a Saturday evening hunt held by Boots Lewis.



Matthew Morgan, author of "The Handbook Of Colorado Meteorites" gave a great presentation on the different types of meteorites and showed slides of many specimens from around the world. Thanks Matthew!



'Tecting Tips

When **water detecting**, after using your scoop to pull up a target, recheck the area that you scooped for the target before you do the work of shaking the sand out of your scoop. (But also there could be two targets so you may still want to check your scoop before re-scooping the original signal area.)

Eric Ryland offered this tip during the training session held before the last club hunt. Hopeful hunters added the two targets part. Thanks for the tip Eric!

Use bicycle tubing as a sleeve to attach a cord for **securing your Pro-Pointer**. Cut about a one inch sleeve of the tube and attach a cord loop, slide the tube over the Pro-Pointer, secure with white duct tape to wrap around the handle of your Pro-Pointer, print your phone number and "reward" on the tape and use another piece of cord to link the Pro-Pointer, via it's new loop, to your pouch or belt. Jay Reed provided this tip and the ready to go tube pieces and cord at his Lucky Charm Hunt. Thanks Jay!!

That's all this month - find something good!