

# The *Soundoff*

**EUREKA!** Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.



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## *'Tecting Tips*

### **Pinpointers By Chris Davis**

Pinpointers can be invaluable in helping hunters find their targets in a timely manner. Once you have used one, you will wonder how you ever got along without it.



In the Eureka! Club, the most popular pinpointers are probably the Garrett Pro-Pointer, the Garrett Pro-Pointer AT and the White's TRX. All three of these pinpointers share many of the same features. They all have an LED for dim light use, durable shells, operate on a 12 kHz frequency and have audio and vibration modes.

The Garrett Pro-Pointer probably has the widest use. The unit is water resistant, but not waterproof. The probe features 360 degree side scan and a scraping ridge.

The Garrett Pro-Pointer AT is the new waterproof version of the Garrett Pro-Pointer. It is submersible to 10 feet and gets a bit better depth detection. Both the Garrett's use a 9 V battery and are supposed to last 30 hours.

White's top of the line pinpointer is the TRX. The unit works on both 2 AA and 9V batteries which are said to last 20 hours. It is also advertised to be waterproof to 10  
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Drawing tickets are \$1 each, take a chance.

### Joining Eureka! Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to [Eurekathc.com](http://Eurekathc.com) and download and complete the application form. Membership dues can be paid to the treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.



[Click here for membership application link.](#)

Baseball caps with the Eureka! logo are available for \$10.00. Metal detector lapel pins are \$5.00 and Eureka! window decals are \$2.00.

### 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.
- 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.

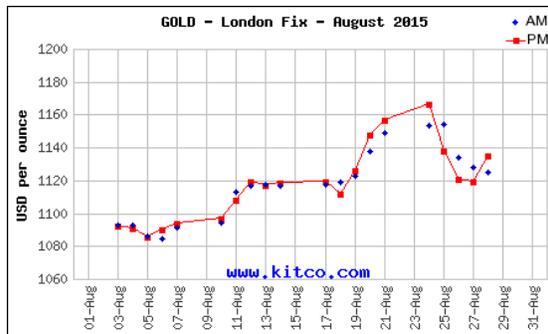
### September 2015

4th - Breakfast Club  
4th - Newsletter Published  
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
13th - Coinhuna Hunt 11:30am  
19th - Breakfast Club  
25th - Soundoff Deadline

### October 2015

2nd - Breakfast Club  
2nd - Newsletter Published  
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
9th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
10th - Wild West Hunt 12:00pm  
17th - Breakfast Club  
30th - Soundoff Deadline

## Gold Prices



## Silver Prices



**Wheat Ridge** requires a permit to metal detect in their city. **No detecting** is allowed **October-March**. Permits allow detecting April-September.

**Westminster** requires a permit to metal detect in their city. It will be good for a year (up from 3 months). See Angie at the lower level of City Hall. Office Hours: Mon-Thursday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Please follow the City's guidelines and show that we, as detectorists, are a responsible group.

## 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.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.

Hunts may be paid for in advance. This helps the hunt master with planning for how much should be planted in the field. In case a person must miss the hunt, their prepaid fee may be refunded if they call the hunt master before the hunt and cancel, other circumstances will be reviewed. No refund will be given for just plain failure to show up to the hunt.

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# COINHUNA

2015



**FREE HUNT FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

**Mamie D Eisenhower Park**

4000 E Dartmouth Ave

Denver, CO 80222

Northeast side of the park

**Lunch at 11:30 AM**

(Lunch provided by the club)

**Hunt at 12:30 PM**



**Come participate and cheer on the finalists  
in this fun, fast recovery, competition.**

Contact: John Olson 719 588-7021 or Nancy Faires 303 368-1356



**Prez Sez**  
**By**  
**John Olson**

**Thanks, And Have A Nice Hunt!**

Greetings from semi-beautiful Watkins, CO.

Are you getting out to treasure hunt all that you want? I hope so. If you aren't, then why not? If you are retired like myself, then there is no excuse, right? (more on this later). If you are still employed, you may find it harder to find extra time for metal detecting. If you do still work then I owe you a big "Thanks"! Thank you for paying into Social Security so we can enjoy a modest income and benefits. I got your check the other day! I'll use it for metal detecting expenses!

What do you consider to be a good treasure hunt? Do you have to find that gold ring or that old artifact for it to be a good hunt, or is getting out for some fresh air and exercise enough? Many of us are happy if we find something in the middle of these extremes. A couple of dollars in clad change makes you feel good especially if you are with family or friends. A piece of jewelry or a bullet will put a smile on my face. The anticipation of what your detector is telling you to dig up is most of the thrill of treasure hunting.

So get out there! Find a little time and get that treasure whether it is gold or silver or just a little time away from it all! What else are you doing? Working? Oh! It's Ok. You can work, and thanks for that!

I was just told that I need to practice what I preach, so I think I'll go detecting!

John

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**GOLD CATEGORY**

**Chris Davis..... 14K Ring with Clear Stone**

**JEWELRY CATEGORY**

Chris Davis ..... Vermeil Necklace

Jay Reed ..... Silver Ring

Cindy Bockenstedt ..... Coro Gold Plated Heart Pendant

Pat Lucero ..... Silver Ring with Onyx

Chuck Hedberg ..... Silver Cross

**Randy Sable..... Silver Ring with Red Stones**

**COIN CATEGORY**

Chris Davis ..... 2001 British 1 Pound

Chuck Hedberg ..... 1880 Indian Head Cent

Jeff Lubbert ..... 1905 V Nickel

Roy Neys..... Chinese Coin

Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1886 Indian Head Cent

**Cindy Bockenstedt..... 1902 O Barber Dime**

**TOKEN CATEGORY**

Cindy Bockenstedt ..... Pool Check J & C / 5

**Pat Lucero..... Isle Of Capri Casino, Blackhawk / \$2**

**ARTIFACT CATEGORY**

Mary Ann Bower..... Smurf Toy Car

Chuck Hedberg ..... Brass Disc with Woman's Bust

Jack Hoover ..... Ox Shoe

Jeff Lubbert ..... Arrow Head, 8000 b.c. 'Hell Gap Point'

**Cindy Bockenstedt..... D & R G RY Switchman's Key**

*Photos of this month's finds are sprinkled throughout this issue.*

**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 - August

### COIN - Cindy Bockenstedt

#### 1902 O Barber Dime

Using her White's MXT with the small DD coil, Cindy pulled this bent dime from a tear down site in Denver. It appears the heavy equipment got ahold of it before Cindy did.



### JEWELRY - Randy Sable

#### Silver Ring

Randy found this pretty ring marked .925 but probably gold plated at one time. It is



studded with either rubies or garnets. He found it at an Aurora park about 1 1/2 inches down while using his White's XLT with a 9 inch coil.

### TOKEN - Pat Lucero

#### Isle Of Capri Casino / \$2

Pat was searching Sunken Gardens Park with his White's MXT with a 10 inch coil when he discovered this large casino token from Blackhawk, Colorado.



### GOLD - Chris Davis

#### 14K Ring with Clear Stone



Since Chris likes water hunting, he grabbed his dry suit and made a blind 3 1/2 hour run down to John Martin State Park. The "beach" was grown

over. There was a mud bottom and lots of aquatic weeds to foul the coil on each sweep. The first run produced a splendid collection of pull tabs and bottle caps, but not a single coin. Moving deeper into the swim area, he hit a coin dump. Then, a titanium wedding band popped up. Finally, he was rewarded with this small, but nice 14K gold ring with a clear stone. Chris was using his 30 year old Minelab Excalibur with a 10" coil and was reported to comment, "This machine is almost broken in."

### ARTIFACT - Cindy Bockenstedt

#### D & RG RY Key

Searching an old area of Denver, Cindy recovered this rare railroad key using her White's MXT with a small DD coil. This Denver and Rio Grande Railway Key was a switchman's key as indicated by the "S".





*Vermeil* (French) is an alternative for the term gilt with gold, silver-gilt, or silver plated. (Gilt - a thin layer of gold or something that resembles gold, laid on a surface.) Vermeil pieces appear to be gold but are much cheaper and lighter than solid gold. It is a traditional luxury material used for table plate, toilet services and grand decorative pieces. Combinations of sterling silver, gold and other precious metals are commonly used as components in jewelry.

The term vermeil came into use in the USA in 19th century. In the United States, gold must be at least 10K and have an equivalent to 2.5 micrometers (1/10,000 inch) of fine gold to be called vermeil. Today vermeil is safely produced by electrolysis. In the past fire gilding was used, which involved mercury in the process, which caused blindness over time to the artisan.



- Wikipedia.org and other internet sources

EUREKA!  
HOLIDAY PARTY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
WHITE FENCE FARM  
LAKEWOOD, CO

## Upcoming 2015 Events

### SEPTEMBER EUREKA! MEETING

September 11, 2015 7:30pm  
Clement Community Center

**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 DENVER SHOWS

Denver Gem & Mineral Show  
Minerals of the American Southwest  
Sept 18-20, 2015 \$6  
Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Denver Mart Expo Hall  
451 E 58th Ave (I-25 exit 215)  
Denver, CO 80216

Denver Coin Expo  
Oct 21-24, 2015 \$5 Parking \$5  
Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4  
National Western Complex  
4655 Humbolt St  
Denver, CO 80216

### UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

September Meeting  
Rick Culver - Colfax Coin  
Counterfeit Coins

### UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

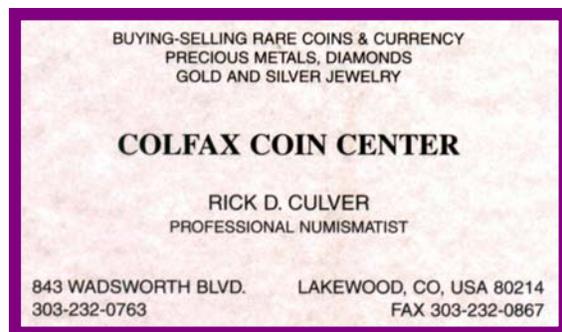
Sept 19, 2015 (Saturday) and  
Oct 2, 2015 (Friday)  
Breakfast Club  
Contact: Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504 for place and time to meet.

Sept 13, 2015 - Free, Members Only  
Coinhuna  
Lunch 11:30am, Hunt 12:30pm  
Eisenhower Park  
Compete, become the next Coinhuna  
Contact: John Olson 719 588-7021

Oct 10, 2015 - \$20  
Wild West Hunt  
Lazy Heart Ranch  
Lunch Noon, Hunt 1:00pm  
Contact: Steve Rex 720 270-2471

### LINKED WEB SITES

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk  
[www.fmdac.org](http://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.



**Eureka! Breakfast Club:** The Eureka! Breakfast Club will meet the [First Friday](#) and the [Third Saturday](#) every month. [Everyone is invited!](#)

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

If you want to learn more about your detector or how to detect, or cement friendships, this is a great opportunity to tap into other member's experience or to get together for a fun outing.



Report and Photos  
by Chris Davis

Aug 7, 2015 - Looking Good Restaurant, O'Kane Park  
Let's see, only five of us made it to the Breakfast Club, (no new folks), Win, Mary, Cindy, Ken and I. (Ken came for breakfast but his doctor would not let him hunt today.) As school starts next week, I was leery of hitting a school, so, we went to O'Kane Park. As usual, Win gathered in the most coins, about \$7 and a ring. Not a gold ring, but, a ring is a ring is a ring. Apparently he has scored a ring on each of his last five hunts. I picked up about \$3.50 and Mary and Cindy did the same. Two other non-club detectorists were also out. It appears O'Kane gets quite a bit of detecting use. Everybody had a good time. Afterward, I took the wife out to ChuckEcheeze's for our Anniversary Dinner. Nothing is too good for my little honey. Yeah, I treat her like a queen.



## Secretary's Report By Nancy Faires

August 14, 2015

President John Olson called the Eureka! Club meeting to order. Everyone was welcomed and the officers and board members were introduced. There were approximately 50 present.



John Cornelisse presented the Treasurer's report with an update on the Holiday Fund.

Cindy Bockenstedt received a Spyderco knife for finding the Spyderco token at the June hunt.

July Hunt – Majestic View Park, Arvada - Linda Erickson  
Silver Moon Hunt – night hunt Saturday, July 11 – this was a dark hunt.

One prize, a silver bar, was not claimed. It was donated to the August hunt.

We had a 96% recovery rate.

The Spyderco token was found by Burt Downie. He received a Spyderco knife.



August Hunt – Lasley Park – John Hinton

Zipper Hunt – hamburgers and hot dogs at 12 Noon – bring a side dish. Hunt at 1 PM. There will be silver dimes, nickels and quarters. Roy Neys donated several silver rings for the hunt.

September Hunt – COINHUNA – Sunday, September 13th, Eisenhower Park – John Olson  
The Club will provide lunch at 11:30 and the hunt will begin at 12:30 PM.

The hunt is competitive and for members only. The winner will receive a gold coin, monogrammed vest, their name engraved on the Club Coinhuna plaque and the 2015 Coinhuna title.

December – Jan Hallez and Nancy Faires

The Eureka! Holiday Party will be Sunday December, 13th at the White Fence Farm, Lakewood, CO.

More information will be available soon.

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Lulu's Bling - sponsored by Louise Smyth, Gold-N-Detectors  
There was an error with the location of the park. Cindy Bockenstedt caught the error and she received a prize from Louise.



Breakfast Club – Chris Davis

Meetings are the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday each month at Lookin' Good Restaurant, 9 AM.

Please come and join in to share stories, finds, have breakfast together and a hunt to follow. Everyone is encouraged to participate. This is a good opportunity for new members to meet and hunt with some of the Club's excellent detectorists.

Tenacious Treasure Tracker Hunt – Brian Henry - [www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com](http://www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com)

Roy Neys found the treasure at Aviation Park and received the Tenacious Treasure Tracker trophy, a T-Shirt and \$100 cash from Brian.

Congratulations Roy.

Thank you Brian for sponsoring this hunt.

The next hunt is currently being planned. Watch the web site for information.



Instead of a speaker this month, John Olson and several other club members

led a discussion on topics including: club hunts, Coinhuna, how to be better at detecting in the Coinhuna, speed, fresh batteries, detector adjustments and practice, practice, practice.

General Drawing Winners

Dos peso – John Hinton

1922 S Peace dollar – John Hinton

1876 Seated quarter – Terry Hirschfeld



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1837 Bust half dollar – Burt Downie  
1903 Indian head cent (XF cond) – Louise Smyth  
1938 O/S Buffalo nickel – Chuck Hedberg  
1908 O Barber half dollar – Terry Hirschfeld  
1858 Flying eagle cent – Steve Rex  
1831 Large cent – John Olson  
1968 S Washington quarter – John Hinton  
1880 Seated dime – Roy Morris  
1904 Barber quarter – Mary Sable

Last Chance Drawing

Minelab hat – Cindy Bockenstedt

Minelab hat – Dave Redman

Membership Drawing Winner – silver dime prize

Marilyn DiPrimo



Holiday Drawing – 1886 O  
Morgan silver dollar  
Nancy Faires

Finds of the Month Winners – silver dime prize

Gold category – Chris Davis

Coin category – Cindy Bockenstedt

Token category – Pat Lucero

Artifact category – Cindy Bockenstedt

Jewelry category – Randy Sable

Thank you to Chuck Hedberg for donating some “finds”  
for future hunts.

Thank you to Roy Neys and Jay Reed for helping with the Finds table tonight.

Thank you to Spyderco for their support.

Thank you to everyone who brought food tonight.



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# 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.

NKHV EFYNK MU CHYT ZHNNZU ZGZGOUZZU OJPS  
JN ZJSUVHTU QHTHYR NKU PLPZFYU JYT  
KFZTHYR FY QUJZZL NHRKN. VKU NKUY MUYN  
NF J BJQS NF NKU UJVN MKUQU VKU QFTU FY  
NKU OJPS FC J ZJQRU RQUUY CQFR. YUWN  
VKU BZJLUT FY J YUJQOL VZHTU. VFEUMKUQU  
YUJQ NKUVU NMF BZJPUV VKU ZFVN KUQ OZHYP.

**Last month's solution:**

In the month of August, Little Lulubelle rode the roller coaster at Lakeside to cool off. Afterwards, she went south to a nearby park to watch the Mountain Mudhens play ball. She found a big red slide nearby, but this time she didn't lose her Bling.

**Park:** Randall Park

**Prize:**



# Zipper Hunt Report

By John Hinton

The August hunt was a big success. We had 29 hunters come out to Lasley Park. There was lots of silver, zippers, clad and 21 rings donated by Roy Neys. Thanks Roy! Abel Espinoza found the zipper bracelet for the silver bar. Cindy Bockenstedt found the most zippers. The Spyderco token was found by Bernice Ortiz.

Special thanks to Steve Muehlbauer for cooking and Mary Sable for helping Steve. Nancy Faires shopped and brought the food, as well as worked the registration and helped with the awards. Nancy, thank you. And big thank you to Steve and Sheri Muehlbauer, Randy and Mary Sable, and Chris Davis for planting.



Also, I want to thank Virginia (Sherfey) Timberley for stopping by the hunt. Virginia and her husband were original members of Eureka! in 1972-1973.

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# Eureka! Club Members Service Directory

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## CAUTION

### Metal Detecting in Leadville

By Linda Erickson

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As many of you know, Leadville is one of our favorite areas to detect. We have some clarification and warnings to provide to those of you interested in detecting in the Leadville area. Some of the areas above Leadville are clearly marked “No Trespassing.” However, it is not a law in Colorado that all private land be marked with a “No Trespassing” sign.

We spoke with a very friendly deputy Sheriff in Leadville who recommended that if you do any detecting in the mining area, that you download a GPS app on your phone. The deputy said they have been receiving more reports of detectorists in the area, some of whom have been unknowingly on private land. He recommended GPSHuntFree or GPSHuntPro. You can purchase and download specific maps from GPSHuntFree that will allow you to view maps anywhere – no cell towers required.

I believe the fees have recently changed, but starting at \$2.99 a month, you can access topo maps for the entire US. If you want to add on layers of private land maps for Colorado that will show ownership details and property lines for 53 counties, the price is \$39.99. These maps give an accurate reading of public lands versus private lands.

It is important to check whether the property is public or private before you hunt. While I believe we should all be enjoying the beautiful public lands Colorado has to offer, be prepared to show your map if you are approached by the authorities in Leadville. If you are on or even near a tailing pile in the Leadville area without a map, assume you are on private property.

## WORLD WIDE ASSOCIATION OF TREASURE SEEKERS 2015 RENDEZVOUS IN MANCOS, CO

By Linda Erickson

The Four Corners Christian Camp in Mancos, Colorado was the site of the 2015 WWATS Rendezvous on August 20-23. This was a hunt open to all treasure hunters. The camp was set up with male and female bunk houses, as well as camping sites, with or without full hookups. Some of us chose to rent a home a few miles away, while others stayed in the bunk houses or took advantage of the available camp sites.

There were approximately 40 hunters in attendance—about the same number we have at our monthly hunts. Ron and I had been to a WWATS hunt a number of years ago in Bayfield, Colorado and thought this would be a fun trip. We were joined on this trip by Richard and Linda Kibler, and Boots and Laura Lewis. We knew Jay and Jane Reed were planning to attend but we were pleasantly surprised to see Randy and Mary Sable check in at the site on Thursday. The Eureka! Club had a very good showing at the hunt. While the Bayfield hunt had three times the number of attendees than the Mancos hunt, there was still plenty of fun and prizes to go around.

While we missed a couple of workshops and events on Thursday because of scheduling issues, we were able to participate in the major hunts of the weekend, in-

cluding a camp scavenger hunt. The guys also did some gold panning on Thursday while the girls floated down the river on tubes. In addition to nighttime campfires, the camp brought in a horse and buggy driver in the evenings who took people for rides around the camp.

The first hunt on Friday was a four hour copper hunt. (Yes, you read it right—4

hours.) Needless to say, the field was fairly well cleaned up after the first hour. The field was planted with wheat pennies, some of which were painted and numbered. These numbered prize tokens were good for copper rounds and bars and other prizes donated by various suppliers in the hobby. I'd like to give a big shout out to Tenacious Treasure Tracker's, Brian Henry, for all the donations he made to the hunt. They were all well received and greatly appreciated.

While I didn't get the total count for all ten of us, six of us found about 30+ of the tokens in the copper hunt. In addition to about 26 copper rounds and 6+ bars, Linda K. won a nice ½ pound copper bar and I won a 5 oz. Indian copper round. Linda K. was also the winner of a gold coin

in a drawing.

The proceeds from the copper hunt were donat-

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ed to Public Lands for the People. PLP is an organization that represents all groups and individuals that are interested in keeping public lands open to prospecting mining, and outdoor recreation. You can read more about them at <http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org>.

Friday evening was the night hunt—no lights allowed. Being away from any city of significant size, you can imagine how dark it was. The schedule listed the hunt for Saturday night, so image our surprise when we came back from the “all you can eat seafood dinner” and drinks in Mancos to find out we had a night hunt. The full bellies didn’t stop most of us from hunting and, once again, we cleaned up on the token prizes.

Jay Reed was a winner of the “Speedo” hunt on Friday. Don’t forget to ask Jay about this fun paced hunt.

Saturday was the “All Day Hunt” (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). The field was planted with 5,000 coins—mostly wheat pennies, with silver dimes, buffalo nickels, quarters, half dollars and foreign coins mixed in. Again, this hunt lasted much longer than necessary. It was pretty well cleaned out within the first couple of hours, alt-

hough the event planners continued to sprinkle coins in the field to keep the hunt going. Once again, our group tore up the field and found more than its fair share of the tokens.

While I think the organization and scheduling of this hunt was lacking in areas and could be greatly improved, I have to say that, for the most part, we made it fun. The prizes and time spent with fellow club members made it well worth the trip. After attending this hunt, it made me appreciate that much more, all the time and effort, by the many individuals in our club, that goes into our fantastic monthly hunts.



WWATS definitely needed more help with this Rendezvous. Thankfully, they asked for suggestions at the end of the hunt as to how they could make it better next year. We weren’t shy and we gave them what we thought

were some good suggestions to improve the WWATS hunts in the future. Hopefully they listened and the future hunts will be great.

The next WWATS hunt is scheduled at the same camp over Memorial Day Weekend in 2016.



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feet. This unit has the greatest depth ability. The sensitivity is adjustable although it can be rather tricky.

-Turn the unit on, holding it up and away from everything. It will beep twice and turn on.

-Press the On button again and hold the button down. It will beep twice, then beep twice again. Now, if you hesitate at this point, the unit will go into the Alarm-Vibrate-Alarm/Vibrate selection mode.

-So, let go of the On button immediately after the second set of beeps.

-Then press the On button again and hold it.

-You should hear a warble beep, then after a moment, it will start cycling thru the sensitivity selections: 1) beep, 2) beep, beep, 3) beep, beep, beep, 4) beep, beep, beep, beep.

-Let go of the On button after the sensitivity level you desire beeps.

-It will stay at this level until you change it again.

- 1 beep: 1"
- 2 beeps: 2"
- 3 beeps: 3 ¼ "
- 4 beeps: 3 ½ "

You can set the unit at maximum level of four. If you stick the pinpointer in the hole and the signal is so overpowering you do not know where the item is, press and release the On button while in the hole. This will lower the sensitivity one level. Still too overpowering, press the On button again to reduce the sensitivity one more level. The Garrett AT will do this also.

I dunno about the old Garrett and White's pinpointers, but I have had some trouble with the quality of the new ones. I purchased a Garrett Pro-Pointer and a White's TRX and had to send them both back to the factory twice the first year. Yes, I acknowledge I put some miles on them.

The start button on the Garrett would sporadically not work properly. Unless I held the button down continuously, it would not stay on. Then it started erratic falsing. Garrett and White's pinpointers are warranted for 2 years. I called in, got a Return Authorization (R.A.) number, sent my broken unit in and they sent me a brand new unit promptly without further question. It worked flawlessly for 4 months, then developed the exact same problems. Garrett replaced the unit again.

My first White's TRX unit never did seem to work properly. When I first got it, it would give false signals and slowly got worse to the point it was unusable. When you first turn a TRX on, you hold it up in the air, hit the On button, let it calibrate, then do your pinpointing. The turn on/off procedure is considerably more time con-

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suming than that of the Garrett. Toward the end I would hold the White's up, turn it on and it would immediately start chattering. I got an R.A. and sent it in. After a month they (allegedly) repaired my original unit and, as it was still under warranty, returned it at no charge. Unfortunately, the "repaired" unit did the exact same thing. I sent it back requesting a new unit, which they sent. The new unit worked much better, but still falses considerably more than the Garrett's. However, this new unit also has an annoying habit of repeatedly turning on all by itself during the hunt. The White's TRX is set on a 12 kHz frequency and while advertisements claim, "Doesn't interfere with detector", it notably does so when my Deus is set on 12 kHz.



I tested (tried to test) the depth ability of the 3 pinpointers on 4 separate occasions. The results were discouragingly inconsistent, both during each test, and as compared to other tests. Never-the-less, it appears the White's TRX obtained more depth than either of the Garrett's, but this advantage can be mitigated to a widely varying degree by using the Garrett Coin Slide. This is a neat little trick most of the

experienced users are familiar with, but many of the new folks may not be. Turn the Garrett on. Lay a coin in the light groove behind the start button and slowly slide it forward with your thumb. When you hear the unit start to beep, slide the coin back until the beep stops. Still holding the coin in place, probe for your buried object. With luck, you will get an additional inch of depth. I wear a thin pair of gloves with a nickel in the thumb for this purpose while digging. Other folks use a ring they are wearing, but this takes both hands.



Take the following depth measurements with a grain of salt. A nickel target was used.

Garrett Pro-Pointer	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Garrett Pro-Pointer using Coin Slide	3" (variable)
Garrett Pro-Pointer AT	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Garrett Pro-Pointer AT using Coin Slide	3" (highly variable)
White's TRX	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (highly variable)

In summary, both of the Garrett pinpointers appear to be much more stable than the White's TRX. The White's TRX had a depth advantage. The Garrett's can get simi-

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lar depth as the White's but it is necessary to employ the Coin Slide/calibration. Build quality of both, in my limited experience, was less than ideal. Garrett did an excellent job of supporting their product by promptly replacing faulty units with new units.



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Although not tested personally, I looked up information on three additional pinpointers, the Minelab Pro-Find 25, the Makro and the White's Bullseye II.

The Makro is a Turkish made pinpointer waterproof in up to a meter for short periods. It is equipped with both audio and vibrate modes. The unit has 4 levels of sensitivity and a bright LED light. Detecting sensitivity is at the tip. It comes with 2 replaceable hard shell probe covers, one with a scraping blade. The blogs indicated the buttons were difficult to push, and interfered with machines set on 12 kHz . It appears to get about 2" of depth using a coin size target.

The Minelab Pro-Find 25 is only water resistant, and not a submergible unit. The pinpointer has adjustable sensitivity, a small LED light and operates in both audio and vibrate modes. It is sensitive on both the tip and the side. Reportedly, the unit is configured not to interfere with your metal detector. Detection depth is about 2 inches.

The White's Bullseye II is an entry level White's pinpointer. It is water resistant, and has an LED for dim light hunting. There is no on-off switch. You must hold the button down for it to work. The unit can also be set to vibrate only. It will detect a coin size target at about an inch.





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