

The *Soundoff*

EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.



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Out With The Old

By Cindy Bockenstedt

A warm welcome is extended to Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club's Bruce Morton who will be the next editor of the *Soundoff*. As newsletter editor, Bruce will find out why the position is so rewarding.

After taking on the newsletter as Editor in 2013, my time as Editor is ending. My position has been voted on and finally filled. Out with the old!

I took on the position to get to know our members (and their names), learn more about computers and software, be involved in what is going on and the decisions the club is making, work on my photography skills, use my artistic creativity, and work on my grammar, spelling and editing skills. I had no idea of the personal growth that this position would deliver.



I worked with three amazing Presidents: Ron Erickson, John Olson, and Chris Davis. A special thanks to each of you for all your help, every well thought out monthly Prez Sez, and the other articles and photos. Nancy Faires contributed to every newsletter I published, never missing a deadline with her well done Secretary's Report. Thanks for that, your event flyers and reports, and all the other little things that have added up over time. Linda Kibler efficiently handled my invoice reimbursements, thanks. Jeff Lubbert passed this title to me and helped me get up to speed. Jeff also wrote articles and sent info

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about upcoming events and speakers. He stepped in to take photos whenever I could not be at a meeting. Jeff, I appreciate all your assistance.

On that note, Chris Davis has supported me with photos of hunts, outings and of course is the driving force of the Breakfast Club division of Eureka! His articles and photos tell us what we missed out on, or, the fun we had. Chris has also contributed many articles of general detecting interest, giving the publication some “meat”. Thanks for sending your labeled files immediately after an event, so not all the info comes at once at the deadline. I didn’t forget that you covered for me at a meeting also.

Without Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman, there would be no Lulubelle’s Bling. Thanks for doing that fun puzzle and hunt for all of us to enjoy. That alone helped motivate me to reach the Friday evening publishing deadline when I was running out of steam. I knew several members were waiting to get the first drop on finding the Bling.

In the beginning I could not publish the newsletter to the website, I had to save it to a PDF file and upload it, then John Lambe, our silent Webmaster, would publish it on our website. John helped me out many times at the eleventh hour when there was a computer problem, glitch or mistake. John was the “behind the scenes” person that gave me confidence and help. I was able to master hyperlinks, get files off the cloud, work with different files and software, and publish to, and edit, our website. Tweets are next, not really. I have to have a reason to contact John. Thanks for all your help and encouragement. And yes, this is for FUN.



Throughout doing the 60 newsletters, I have received articles from many Eureka! members. Many of those were required hunt related flyers and reports, but others were announcements or information like Linda Erickson’s updates on Rush to the Rockies. Sheri Muehlbauer, Jim Griffith, John Cornelisse, Boots and Laura Lewis, Jan Hallez, Jay and Jane Reed, Jack Hoover, Chris Davis, Linda and Richard Kibler, Bill Chapman, Linda Erickson, Randy and Mary Sable, Vince DiPrimo, Norm Ruggles, and Jeff Lubbert all shared relevant stories, on their travels, adventures, or just detecting related.

Other contributors were: Bernice Ortiz, Roy Morris, John Hinton, Brian Henry, Tom Zawatzki, Louise Smyth, Terry Weatherly, Steve Rex, John Steele, Sam Knopp, Van Romero, Fran Espinosa, Alan Bravo, Marcina Grimberg, Kim Guite and Bruce Morton. I hope I didn’t miss anyone. Thanks to all of you, there was a

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Soundoff for me to piece together. I was grateful for every item, and thanks to each of you!

I appreciated everyone's patience with me as I ask you to pose for photos, individually or as the whole group. If your picture didn't get published, it was probably because it was too blurry or some other problem. Also a variety of people have helped me with the Find of the Month photos by bringing me the finds to photograph. Thanks, that made it go so much faster. Jeff Lubbert and Marilyn DiPrimo helped often. Also, I appreciated people letting me remove encased special finds and handle them to photograph them.



Thanks also to everyone for all the kind supportive comments regarding the newsletter. I will miss doing it and being on the Board. Lastly, thanks to my husband, Gene, for his support and understanding, especially during those deadline Fridays. Now what to do with all the upcoming free time? Detect, of course!

February 2018

1st - Rush to the Rockies Mtg 6:30pm
2nd - Breakfast Club 9:00am
2nd - Newsletter Published
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
9th - Awards Banquet-Potluck 6:30pm
11th - Club Hunt or Outing
17th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
23rd - *Soundoff* Deadline

March 2018

2nd - Breakfast Club 9:00am
2nd - Newsletter Published
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
9th - General Meeting 7:30pm
11th - Club Hunt
17th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
30th - *Soundoff* Deadline

April 2018

6th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
6th - Newsletter Published
11th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
13th - General Meeting 7:30pm
15th - Club Hunt
21st - Breakfast Club 9:00am
27th - *Soundoff* Deadline

May 2018

4th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
4th - Newsletter Published
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm
13th - Club Hunt
19th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
25th - *Soundoff* Deadline

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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.org

Download and complete the application form under the *About* tab. Membership dues can be paid to the Treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.

Renewals due in April.

Eureka! T-shirts, window decals, mugs, pins, hats, and patches are available, as are Rush To The Rockies T-Shirts and stickers.

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.

About *Soundoff*

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Articles, letters and short items of interest on prospecting, detecting and treasure hunting topics are welcomed and encouraged. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing. Submittals for publication or correction of errors may be made by e-mail in ASCII text format or MS Word. All article submissions must be received by the editor no later than the deadline of the month (see calendar) for inclusion in the next month's issue. Include publication information on articles clipped from other publications. **Let's hear your story, ideas or tips - contact your *Soundoff* editor.**

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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
Second Friday of February, 6:30pm
at the
Clement Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street
(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)
Lakewood, Colorado 80214
Hotline: (303) 595-5448
www.eurekathc.org



Lulubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

By "Spectrum 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.

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 Lulubelle's Bling, and bring it to the next regular Eureka! Meeting to collect a prize.

OL O VJTC QNFI TOQNGI JP UITGIK VNQQVI
VDVDMIVVI TIGIK FNLLIU OQQITUNTC QYI
TOQNJTOV XILQIKT LQJZS LYJX. XYNVI
QYIKI LYI LOX O MJDEDIQ JP QYI LQOQI
PVJXIK. LYI STIX JP O BOKS NT OKGOUO
XNQY QYOQ TOFI LJ LYI XITQ QJ NQ OTU
BVOHIU JT QYI LVNUIL MDQ VJLQ YIK MVNTC.

Last Month's Solution:

As a Colorado native Little Lulubelle knew the names of many of the mountain peaks along the front range. She went to a park which had a majestic view and an informational sign to learn more. She could not resist the four slides or the small tunnel in

the playground with the huge bear. Somewhere she lost her bling.

Park: Majestic View Park

Prize: Five golden dollar coins. Sponsored by Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors.



PROOF OF THE COIN HUNT

***Sunday February 11th
Dessert, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Water***

***12:30 - 1:00
Hunt Starts at 1:00***

\$20.00

***Rosamond Park
8051 E. Quincy Ave
Denver, Colorado 80237***

***Gold Quarters planted for:
90% Silver Proof Sets, Silver coins,
Modern Proof Sets and more!!***

Wowza



If inclement weather hunt will be on Sunday, February 18, 2018

Open to all paid hunters

***Contact: Vince DiPrimo 303-506-6500
If bad weather check Club hotline: 303-595-5448***

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.

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

Detecting Weather? There's an App for That!

By John Lambe

It's late January and it feels like the walls are closing in! Ugh - Cabin Fever. If you are like me, you yearn for warmer weather and think about the next time you can get out and detect at your favorite park, opportunistic scrape off site, or your super-secret honey hole.



Here in Colorado we are lucky enough to be taunted by bouts of good weather during the winter when it's possibly nice enough to consider mounting a detecting expedition. With limited available time to enjoy our hobby, I like to maximize my enjoyment by looking for optimal conditions during which I will consider hunting. Sure, I could hunt when the weather is not so nice, or even miserable, but would I be a good detectorist under those conditions and stick around to dig the iffy targets that produce the truly great finds? Probably not!

So what factors do you consider before making the effort to go out and try? For me personally, I consider the following environmental factors when deciding to go hunting: temperature, wind, wind gusts, mugginess (usually not a big factor in Colorado) and chance of precipitation. Everybody has different parameters under which they will conduct a hunt; some will hunt in conditions others would never venture out in depending on their physical constitution and desire. So how do we decide when it's a good time to

hunt? You could wing it, but the weather changes quickly and can sometimes mess up the best laid plans if you don't know the forecast in detail.

This is where the Weather Underground (WU) application for Android and iOS comes in. The Weather Underground is a network of over 250,000+ citizen scientist members sending real-time data from their own personal weather stations that provide the service with the extensive data that makes their forecasts and products so unique. Their app is **free to use**, so no worries there!

I myself have had a certified weather station (KCOPARKE115) on their network for over 2 years and am amazed at the accuracy of their local forecasts. My personal observations are that the forecast is usually 99% accurate within a day,

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95% within two days, and 90% three days out decreasing slowly farther out. This is much better than your local TV or radio station, it's very local, and you can view forecasts of any location nationwide on your phone!

So after my long winded explanation, you are no doubt asking how this helps you decide when to go detecting! Well, recently their mobile application was upgraded to offer Smart Forecasts!

In Smart Forecasts, you can enter the name of your smart forecast and then choose the conditions that are acceptable and optimal for your chosen activity. The parameters you can select from are: Temperature, Pressure, Wind Speed, Wind Direction, Chance of Precip, Rain Intensity, Snow Intensity, Dew Point, Cloud Cover, UV Index, Air Quality, Humidity, Gust Speed, Mugginess, Feels Like, and Acceptable Time. These factors more than cover most of the conditions anyone would be interested in checking when deciding to go metal detecting or other activities for that matter.



I personally have selected the following conditions I consider acceptable and optimal for my enjoyment when detecting:

	Acceptable	Ideal
Temperature	50 – 90 degrees	67 – 82 degrees
Wind Speed	0 – 15 MPH	0 – 7 MPH
Chance of Precip	0 – 60%	0 – 20%
Humidity	0 – 80%	0 – 30%
Gust Speed	0 – 15 MPH	0 – 10 MPH
Mugginess	Slightly to Not Muggy	Not Muggy
Feels Like	50 – 95 degrees	55 - 85 degrees
Time of Day	Daytime	Daytime

So what do I get when all these factors are entered into the Weather Underground app? The app shows a cool screen that gives me the times and days

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up to 10 days in the future I will be able to detect in my favorite conditions. This is an awesome feature in my opinion, and helps me decide when to take time off of work and arrange times to detect with friends.

So if you have a smart phone, go ahead and download the Weather Underground application and create your own Smart Forecasts for detecting. Hopefully this app will help you fit in more enjoyable detecting time into your busy schedule and just maybe dig that iffy signal that produces a true treasure!

Prez Sez

By
Chris Davis



Our February meeting is always one of my favorites. And we will have a fun filled agenda.

The meeting is a bit different from the norm. We do not have a speaker. The meeting starts a bit earlier, 6:30, instead of our normal 7:30.

February is our Potluck Dinner and Award Presentation meeting. Everyone brings something (meat, veggie, fruit, desert, etc.). The food and fellowship are always great.

The new Board Members and Newsletter Editor voted on at the December meeting will be installed. Congratulations (or condolences) to all.

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We will recognize our Find of the Year winners.

Best of all, we will present our special annual awards:

Dan Sprouse Memorial Award. Also known as the President's Award. This award is presented by the President of the Club to the Club member he/she feels helped him/her the most during the preceding year. Dan Sprouse was an enthusiastic Eureka! member and Club President for 2 years. He wore out a White's 6 – DB detector and, after only 2 ½ years in the hobby, passed a count of 50,000 coins retrieved. Dan died of cancer midway thru his second term as President.

Gene Kotlan Award. The winner is selected by the general membership in a secret ballot vote. The recipient is chosen on the basis of the fellow club member who has contributed the most for the good of the club during the previous year. The votes are tabulated by an outside source, and the winner will be announced during the presentation of awards at the February meeting. Gene Kotlan was one of the original founders of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club in January of 1973. He was a local metal detector dealer who sponsored the initiation of the Club. Gene died of a heart attack while metal detecting.

Charles A. Johnson Award is also known as the Member of the Year Award. This member is chosen by the Board Members and presented to the non-board club member who has persistently and unselfishly volunteered his or her time, materials and services to the club during the previous year. Charles A. Johnson was one of the organizers of the Club. He always found something "good" or interesting whenever he searched and shared his interest in history by involving the Club with various historical society searches. He passed away in September, 1981.

See you there!!

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

Edgewater - Although very small, no detecting is allowed.
Douglas County Parks - Metal Detecting prohibited.

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GOLD CATEGORY

Roy Neyes 18K White Gold Ring
Win Faires..... 14K Religious Pendant

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Brian Henry Flash Ring
 Brian Henry 1800s Lapel Pin
 Vince DiPrimo Two Finger Ring
 Mary Sable Silver Heart Beaded Ring
 Jan Hallez Silver Ring with Stones
 John Hinton Indian Head Silver Ring
 Jay Reed Silver with Diamond Ring
Vince DiPrimo..... Virgin Mary Heart Necklace

COIN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg 1894 V Nickel
 Chuck Hedberg 1899 Barber Dime
 George Grimberg 1947 Wheat Cent
 George Grimberg 2010 James Buchanan \$1 Coin
 Joe Johnston..... 1943 S Mercury Dime
Cindy Bockenstedt.... 1839-1857 Braided Hair Large Cent

TOKEN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg..... Denver Tramway / ½ Fare

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Brian Henry Plastic Emoji “Pile of Poo”
Mike Magee..... Elk’s Medallion

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.

Find of the Month Winners - January

GOLD - Win Faires

14K Religious Pendant



This 14K gold Jesus was pulled from a soccer field. It was buried under two inches of soil. Win was searching with an 11 inch coil on his XP Deus when he got a "pull tab" signal, dug, and found gold instead.

JEWELRY - Vince DiPrimo

Virgin Mary Heart Pendant



Vince found this Virgin Mary/Lord's Prayer, rosary piece, at Cheesman Park two inches down after getting a strong signal. He was out detecting with the Breakfast Club and using his Garrett AT Pro with an 8½ x 11 inch DD coil.

TOKEN - Chuck Hedberg

Denver Tramway / ½ Fare



This Denver Tramway City Lines token is good for a half fare for "Children Under Twelve Years". Chuck-O-Luck took his Fisher T5 Black #1 with its stock DD coil to the end of his block where an old house had been knocked down.

COIN - Cindy Bockenstedt

1839-1857 Large Cent



Known as the "Braided Hair" large cent, this coin was hard to identify since it was so crusty. Cindy searched the street replacement project in Idaho Springs with her White's MXT and found this holed coin which predates the 1859 gold discovery that started that mining town.

ARTIFACT - Mike Magee

Boy Scout Kerchief Slide

Bear Creek picnic grounds gave up this Boy Scout neckpiece from three inches down. Mike was swinging a White's MXT Pro with an elliptical coil.



Katie Finds Gold – Part 3

By Chris Davis



Katie and I made our second metal detecting run. We hit a few nearby elementary school wood chip tot-lots (play areas). Instead of using the self-winding reel which gave us so much fun on the beach, I decided to try a heavy 10 foot braded rope. Tied one end to her collar, the other to my belt. It worked great.

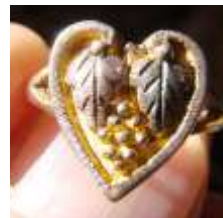
I reluctantly admit, I did not find anything, but Katie did pretty well. I was just invited along to drive and hold the leash.

At the first school, we started things off right. Katie found her first silver ring.

We hit a second tot-lot. After searching for 30 minutes I was tired and ready to go home. Katie told me to man up and keep searching. Reluctantly, I did. It is embarrassing to get told off by your dog. Shortly thereafter, Katie called me over to check out a good smell. I swung the coil and got a nice “54” hit on the Deus (on 12 kHz) (slightly under a nickel). Of course, on wood chip tot-lots, the standing rule is to dig everything. So I did. And was rewarded with a gold colored ring. The reason it was gold colored was because it was gold. Not a great ring. It was a 10K kid’s ring with a heart on front. But, a gold ring is a gold ring is a gold ring.

I call it Beginner’s Luck. I let her hunt all the good spots. It was Katie’s first gold ring, but I will count it as my 5th gold ring on the year cause at least I was there.

As usual, I showed the ring to my jewelry expert (my wife) who identified it as Black Hills Gold. Y’all are undoubtedly smarter than I am. There are rocks in the garden which are smarter than I am. Never-the-less, while I had heard of Black Hills Gold Jewelry, I really did not know much about it. So, I did some research.



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It will probably come as a shock to most of you, but Black Hills Gold Jewelry originated in the Black Hills of South Dakota way back during the 1870's Black Hills Gold Rush. It was originally designed by a French goldsmith by the name of Henri LeBeau and featured tri-colored gold (yellow, green, pink) on grape leaves, grape clusters and vines. The 14K green gold was made by alloying 24K yellow gold with silver. The 14K pink (or red) gold was produced by alloying 24K yellow gold with copper. The green and pink gold was then rolled thin and applied to the base jewelry composed of yellow gold.

An interesting side note, the copper, silver and gold used to make Black Hills Gold Jewelry does not have to come from the Black Hills. These items can come from anywhere in the world. However, a ruling by the 8th Circuit now requires jewelry labeled "Black Hills Gold Jewelry" to be *manufactured* in the Black Hills. Now, you, me and Paul Harvey know the rest of the story.

The moral to this tale is, never leave home without your dog.

Of course, I took all the prerequisite photographs. I even hung a carabiner with both rings on her collar, so she could make a pitiful attempt to keep up with the Sables.

Lost Ring Story - Or How We Got Started Metal Detecting

By Marcina Grimberg

I had recently retired and started to eat differently, not shoving the cookie down my throat when I got nervous or agitated at work, or eating high sodium, quick microwave lunches. I had lost several pounds. Yeah, me!



We live in a house that backs to a wetlands, wild area, full of trees and tall grasses. We had a wind storm one evening and when I "pottied" my greyhound at night for the last out, I started picking up small tree branches that had fallen from the giant cottonwood tree into the yard. I was tossing them by handfuls over the chainlike fence. Suddenly, I had the horrible realization that my ring had flown off of my finger. It was a 14kt. gold ring with 12 diamonds and 12 rubies that I had for over 22 years, given to me by my husband.

I tried to search immediately with a flashlight in the dark for it with no avail. My

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husband came home from work at 1:00 a.m. and learned of the loss and also tried to search for it for several minutes in the dark with a flashlight.

He rented a metal detector the next morning and spent 2½ hours searching the area that I indicated where I thought the ring had flown off my finger. No luck. We were sick. He returned the metal detector which was a Garrett Ace 250 and went online and started watching YouTube videos and realized that the rental place had not informed him how to use the detector properly regarding settings, etc.

He ordered a Garrett Ace 300 metal detector and said that if we found the ring, the detector was worth the expense. Meanwhile, he watched more YouTube videos on detecting and was getting intrigued while learning tips. It took eight days to receive our new detector, and the weather graced us with rain and snow during that time as my ring sat out in the wetlands. I had visions of some huge, black crow picking up a nice, shiny object, and dropping it off in some neighbor's yard down the block!



Once the new detector arrived and was assembled, my husband found the ring in 40 minutes! Of course it was not in the direction that I thought it had gone. He found it standing up on edge under tall grasses, not laying flat. Yippee!!

Now what? George and I had a metal detector and did not know what to do next with it. I researched online with Google and Facebook and found Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club! We became members and are enjoying the club very much.

I wish I knew this club and all you folks existed before we purchased the detector. I could have put on a pot of coffee, bought a dozen donuts and called about six of you out to hunt for my lost ring behind our house, and bet it would have been found within minutes! Bruce Morton said folks would have come out to hunt without the promise of coffee and donuts. But then, we would not have a new retirement hobby or met all of you.

Upcoming Events

NEXT 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.

Potluck ~ Bring a dish.

Win a 1962 Proof Set, drawing tickets are \$1. Donated by Glenn Thompson, all proceeds go to the Rush to the Rockies Kid's Hunt.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Greeter for Eureka! Meetings
- Rush to the Rockies
 - Set-up and Clean-up
 - Planters
 - Extra Activities Coordinator
 - Fireside Chat
 - Help with Gold panning station
 - Snack Bar help
 - Helping with lunch
 - Help with parking
- Articles for *Soundoff*
- Help at Club Hunts
- Present a topic of interest to the club.

Please contact a Club Officer or Board Member to get involved!

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER

Please volunteer to speak on your favorite subject. Contact Jeff Lubbert

If questionable weather for hunts, call the Eureka! Hotline at 303-595-5448.

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

February 17th, 2018 (Saturday)

March 2nd, 2018 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

Contact: Chris Davis 225 235-2642 for place and time to meet or to get added to the email list.

Sun, February 11, 2018

\$20

Proof of the Coin

Rosamond Park

12:30pm Hot Chocolate, Coffee,

Dessert, 1:00pm Hunt

Contact: Vince DiPrimo 303 506-6500

Bad weather date: Sun, Feb 18

Sun, March 11, 2018

Who Took My Hour

Southmoor Park

1:00pm

(Time to move the clocks forward-earn "timely" prizes.)

Contact: Jan Hallez 303 913-7346

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www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

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www.spreaker.com/admrr

Relic Roundup Radio Show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert, 7pm Mondays)

TenaciousTreasureTracker.com

See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues and to check out the new items available.



Midwinter Metal Mania On a Spring-Like Day

By Norm Ruggles

Our club usually does not have an outdoor hunt in cold, snowy, January, but I wanted to give it a try. After many prayers for good weather and weeks of nervous anticipation, on January 14th we were blessed with a glorious spring-like day for our Midwinter Metal Mania Hunt!

The fantastic Sunday morning weather, and the promise of nice facilities, food, and lots of targets and prizes, brought an amazing 46 hunters and numerous additional guests to Westlands Park in Greenwood Village. Several longtime Eureka! members said this was one of the larger hunt turnouts we've ever had! The location of the hunt in far southeast metro Denver was also unusual.



We planted a total of 500 targets in the large hunt field. My wife (you all know Sue) and I had been collecting targets for three months, preparing for the normal club hunt number of about 30 hunters. Those targets included unique old tokens, silver quarters and dimes, Indian Head and wheat pennies, clad half dollars and dollar coins, and lots of jewelry and bling.

Despite all our planning, we were of course bowled over by the turnout on hunt day. Fortunately our President Chris Davis brought along 160 extra silver dimes, which were planted along with all our other items.

Twenty-five of the targets were specially marked with neon stickers and entitled the finder to a prize after the hunt. The



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top prize was a Garrett Pinpointer AT “Carrot”, won by “Spectrum Bill” Chapman. Other prizes included: a 1902 Morgan silver dollar, 1922 and 1923 Peace silver dollars, a Bi-Centennial silver dollar, three sets of Garrett headphones, colorful old pins, proof sets, Liberty nickels, Garrett camo pouches and hats, and additional fun items.

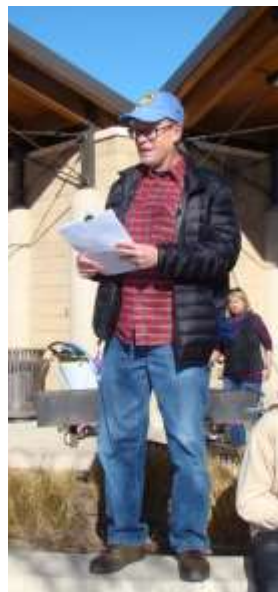
I have a lot of people to thank for making this a special hunt. First, a huge thanks to my wife Sue, who happily helped me with just about everything. Next, thanks to our family, Matt, Shea, Alex and Sydney, who came up from Colorado Springs to help with planting targets and to do whatever else was needed. Chris Davis helped with planting and with at least a dozen other important tasks. Nancy Faires expertly handled the unexpectedly large registration and was an excellent hunt advisor. Bruce Morton, and Randy and Mary Sable, also helped greatly in planting the giant hunt field.



I also want to thank Roy “He’s Our Boy” Neys, and Sue “She’s My Girl” Ruggles, for their generous jewelry and bling target donations. Thanks to Steve and Adam at Garrett Metal Detectors in Texas for their fabulous prize donations. Thanks to Boots Lewis for the Spyderco knife and token, found by Brian Henry.



Thanks to Debbie and Julie at Greenwood Village Parks and Rec for their terrific assistance in providing the excellent facilities and hunt field. Thanks to Harry Becker at Fabulous Finds Antique Store in San Antonio, TX, for coin donations and for selling us unique historic tokens. Thanks also to Charlie and Bernie at Rocky Mountain Coin on Arapahoe Road



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for giving us a good deal on great old coins.

Finally, thanks to all of you Midwinter Metal Mania hunters who “braved the elements” and attended our spring-like event.



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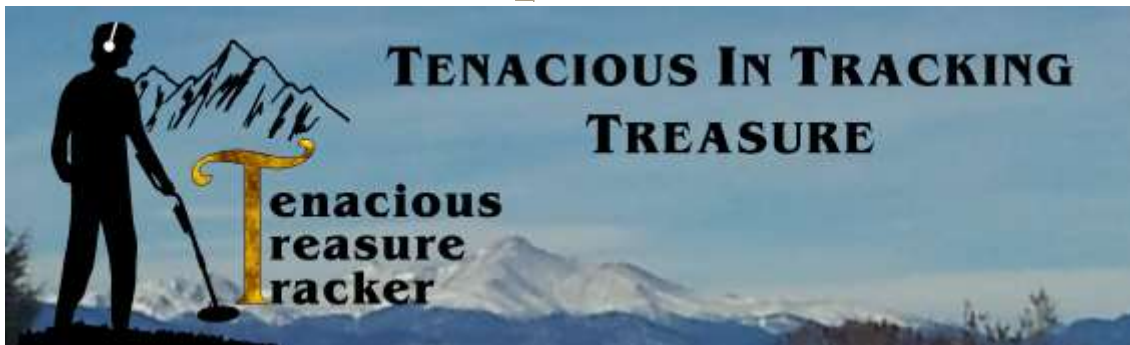


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Who's Newer

By Bruce Morton

Marcus Lieberman

Marcus, a retired mineral exploration geologist, joined us in September, 2017, after learning of Eureka! from a club member. He's been in the Denver area since 1977 (now, Lakewood), but not long enough to lose all of his native Brooklyn, NY accent.

Marcus is new to detecting and chose the White's Treasure Pro to begin. He's open to receiving tips from White's users. Besides detecting, he enjoys mineral collecting and photography. He's interested in being asked to join hunts, and can be reached at 303-284-4235.



Mike Magee

Gold-N-Detectors has produced another detectorist for the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club. Mike hails from Long Beach, CA, but has been here for 58 years, joining ETHC in October, 2017. He works making personal protection barriers for users in nuclear laboratories. He's been detecting for less than a year and uses a White's MXT Pro.

Mike is interested in the Breakfast Club, and joining the local hunts of others. If you'd like to invite him along, his phone number is 303-905-4413.



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Who's New (continued)

by Bruce Morton



Jason and Erica Haghiri joined us last month's meeting. Erica, being a clever girl, sent Jason ahead to see what we were like before making her debut at Norm's Midwinter Metal Mania hunt. Thus, we know that Jason is from Arvada and that they live in Lakewood. Jason must be an intelligent man, as he chose not to provide any information about Erica (better to say nothing than get it wrong about one's spouse). So, we'll get back to you with more on Ms. Erica at a later date. They have been detecting for only a month with their Gar-

rett AT Gold and AT Max. Our long time Garrett using members have an opportunity to mentor these nice folks. They've already been to one club hunt and one Breakfast Club, so it would appear that they're hooked. Jason also enjoys RC Aircraft piloting and has been a member of the Arvada Associated Modelers RC Aircraft Club for 24 years!

Mac Flanagan also joined Eureka! at last month's meeting. He's a young man and was wise enough to keep where he lives and his phone numbers private. His five year experience detecting with a Bounty Hunter Quick Silver and Fisher F2 belie his youth. Mac mentioned that he's interested in acquiring a Garrett AT Pro. He participated in the Midwinter Metal Mania hunt immediately after joining the club, where he did well. Bill at Gold-N-Detectors referred Mac to us.



John Langan has lived in Denver for 14 years and hails from Chester County, PA. He works in packaging design and sales, and says he's been detecting "not well" for 20 years (so it's time we helped fix that). He hunts with a White's Classic ID and a White's Coin Master 2500 D. He (blames) credits Roy with introducing him to Eureka! and joined us last month of his own free will. John counts skiing, fly fishing, and hunting among his other hobbies.

Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires



January 12, 2018

President Chris Davis called the Eureka! THC Club meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone. The 2017 officers and board members were introduced. There were approximately 80 present including several guests and new members.

Linda Kibler presented the Treasurer's report.

Speaker

Jack and Peggy Dawe spoke about the Atocha shipwreck recovery.



Rush to the Rockies

Kim Guite reported that a RUSH organizational meeting was held January 4 at 3R Auto, 3701 S Kalamath.

Updates on registration, purchase of coins and food was discussed.

The next meeting will be February 4th, 2018 at 6:30 PM, same location.

Volunteers are needed and there is a sign-up sheet available. Everyone is welcome.

Coin Buy-Back

Anyone interested in selling silver coins should contact a Board member.

December - Holiday Dinner – Cinzzetti's December 10th Nancy Faires

Each of the 68 participants received a 1 gram silver Buffalo round.

Devan Romero won a Spyderco knife, Sean Miltimore and Joe Johnston each won a 1 ounce Indian arrowhead silver round. Laura Bender won a 2 ½ Dos Pesos.

January – Mid-Winter Metal Mania Hunt – Norm Ruggles \$15 members only

January 14th 11 AM coffee and bagels; 11:30 AM hunt Westlands Park, Greenwood Village

February – Proof of the Coin Hunt – Vince DiPrimo \$20 open hunt

February 11th 12:30 PM food; 1 PM hunt Rosamond Park, Denver

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Lulubelle's Bling – Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman Alan Bravo found the December Bling at Chaffee Park and received 5 golden dollars from Louise. Mike Magee found the January Bling at Majestic View Park and received 5 golden dollars from Louise. Thank you Louise and Bill for sponsoring this hunt.



Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club continues to be popular and well attended. Meetings are the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday each month. Please come and join us to share stories, finds and have breakfast together with an unplanned hunt to follow. Everyone is encouraged to participate. This is a good opportunity for new members to meet and detect with some of our Club's excellent detectorists. See Chris Davis to sign up for an email reminder. The next outing will be January 20th, weather permitting.

Elections

Outgoing Board: Linda Erickson, Fran Espinosa, Terry Weatherly, Brian Henry
The elected Board members for 2018 – 2020 are:

- Brian Henry was re-elected
- John Olson
- Jan Hallez
- Win Faires
- Bruce Morton – Newsletter Editor



Vote for the 2017 Finds of the Year (must be a paid member to vote)

A poster with all of the photos of each 2017 Find of the Month by category is available to help.

The membership voted on the Gene Kotlan Award.

General Drawing Winners

1864 2 cent – Brian Henry
1922 Peace dollar – Linda Erickson
1943 Walking liberty half dollar – Steve Montano
1925 Standing liberty quarter – Dave Redman
1886 Seated liberty dime – Sheri Muehlbauer
1867 Shield nickel – Brian Henry
Dos pesos – Chuck Hedberg
1911 V nickel – Dan Pierson
1846 Large cent – Dave Redman

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1853 Seated liberty half dime – Marilyn DiPrimo

1835 Bust dime – Ron Roberson

1966 Special mint set – Jeff McClendon

Membership Drawing Winner – Boots Lewis

Holiday Drawing Winner – Kim Guite

1901 O Morgan silver dollar

RTTR 50/50 Cash Drawing Winner – Alan Bravo

2nd Chance – 4-Pack Family Pass to Colorado Railroad Museum – Roy Morris

Finds of the Month Winners (must be a paid member to enter and vote)

Gold category – Win Faires

Coin category – Cindy Bockenstedt

Token category – Chuck Hedberg

Artifact category – Mike Magee

Jewelry category – Vince DiPrimo

Meet & Greet - Terry Weatherly will be available after the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

The membership application form has been updated and will be available on the website soon.

Reminders

Mid-Winter Metal Mania – January 14, 2018

February Club meeting is our annual potluck – dinner will start at 6:30 PM.

Meeting, awards and installation of new Board members at 7:30 PM

Proof of the Coin Hunt – February 11, 2018

2018 Rush to the Rockies – July 6-8, 2018

Volunteer to plan and/or assist with a Club hunt

Volunteer for 2018 Rush to the Rockies

Membership renewal is due in April.

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt – March 24-25, 2018, Jefferson, TX

Piney Woods Relic Hunt – March 10, 2018, Longview, TX

Thanks to everyone who brought food, everyone who assisted with the meeting and everyone who donated prizes.



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For general information contact the hotline: (303) 595-5448			
Visit our club on the Internet: http://www.eurekathc.org or on Facebook			

Rush to the Rockies Planning Meeting

By Cindy Bockenstedt

Our Chairman, Kim Guite, led another RTTR planning meeting on February 1st. Registration is underway, and the entry form is available on our website:

eurekathc.org.

Get involved. The next meeting is:
Thursday, March 1, 2018, 6:30pm
3R Auto, 3701 S Kalamath St
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Big Blue Wreck Salvage donated this Spanish silver!

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Rush To The Rockies
July 6-8, 2018
Pickle Gulch Campground
Blackhawk, CO



Eureka! Breakfast Club

Eureka! Breakfast Club meets the [First Friday](#) and the [Third Saturday](#) every month. [Everyone is invited!](#)

Contact Chris Davis 225 235-2642 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.

Reports and Photos by Chris Davis

Jan. 4, 2018. Our first Breakfast Club hunt of 2018!



We had a very good turnout with 16 attendees. We started the day off with an excellent breakfast at the Lookin' Good Restaurant. Our normal tables were occupied by six police officers, so we had to sit in back. I told Bruce to tell them to move, but for some reason, he declined. No guts, no glory. Tom Peeples attended. Tom is recovering from back surgery and looked good. Well, as good as Tom can look. He was still not able to hunt, but showed up to give us some adult supervision, which we badly need.

After breakfast we all drove over to Cheesman Park in Denver for a hunt. As everyone knows (hopefully knows), digging tools are not allowed in Denver. All digging must be by probe only.

As expected, there was a good deal of trash, particularly the much sought after

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bottle cap. I, personally racked up 36 bottle caps. In addition, I found a syringe, a crack pipe, a MJ joint and a Trojan wrapper, so I had a very successful hunt.

Other finds were a bit slow, but a number of nice finds were made. Vince D. started things off with a very nice religious locket. Doug M. followed up with a nice ring. I also picked up a tungsten carbide man's wedding band, a 1935 penny, and an earring. Win F. did best money-wise with \$6.98 in change.



We done better, but we also done a whole lot worse.

January 20, 2017



The Breakfast Club went on another fun-filled outing on Saturday, January 20th. Some 19 or 20 individuals attended. I think everyone wanted to get in a last outing before the forecasted snowstorm. After a fine breakfast, we drove over to Stenger Soccer Complex, a large soccer field complex, located north of I-70, just south of 58th Street.



We did pretty well. Tom B. immediately dug up a nice Canadian dollar coin. Joe J. got a fine silver pendant at a 4" depth. Marcus recovered an old iron handle. Randy S. found a pile of necklace pendants and did best on coins

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with \$2. 85. I got two pendants and a soccer toss coin.

Three rings were found. Mary S. picked up a very impressive eyeball ring. The other two were silver. Dan had a very nice silver, but it was edged out by a great Black Hills ring found by Todd H. The base of this ring was silver, and the grape leaves were plated gold in traditional Black Hills fashion. This was the first silver Black Hills ring I have seen.



That's all from me, Cindy. ~ Find something good!