

The *Soundoff*



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

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Prez Sez

By
Chris Davis



The Eureka! Coinhuna competition hunt will take place this month. A new "Coinhuna" will be crowned. For you new folks, the Coinhuna is "the Best of the Best" of our hunters, as demonstrated during this special hunt.

The Coinhuna Hunt is also our way of paying back our Club membership for their support over the year. The Coinhuna Hunt is for Eureka! Members only. There is no hunt fee. The Club will provide Subway Sandwiches at no charge, but encourages those who can to bring a desert or side dish. Everyone is encouraged to attend, regardless of experience level. We do expect you to bring your machine and your smiling face. There will be lots of coins out there.

There will be 4 separate hunt fields in the competition. The hunt will start on the largest field. Everyone will immediately cease hunting when the first 24 individuals find a set number of coins. These 24 individuals will be entitled to go on to the next field. Everyone else will become spectators

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Eureka Treasure Hunters Club

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Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to:

Eurekathc.org

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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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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 September, 7:30
at the
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for the remainder of the formal hunt. The original 24 hunters to move on will be similarly reduced in Fields 2 and 3. The final 3 survivors will move into the final Field 4. Only 1 will emerge as the great and revered **Coinhuna**. After the competition is over, everyone will be allowed to go back into the hunt fields to “clean up” all those other pesky coins.

What do you suppose makes our best hunters “the best”?

- They might have a better machine, but within reason, I do not support this rationale. Usually, it is the detectorist, not the detector.

- They probably have more experience detecting.

- They are probably intimately familiar with their machine. It is likely they know exactly what each beep means, what to listen for and how to adjust the machine for maximum performance.

- They probably have a good swing. Keeping that coil low and parallel to the ground throughout the swing is critical. If my average swing covers 4 square feet, and yours covers 6 square feet, who do you suppose is going to find more stuff?

- They may be using a bigger coil. More square inches covered per swing.

- They may have a faster swing. If you search 1,000 square feet, and I search 500 square feet in the same time period, who, statistically, is going to find the most? Keep in mind, depending upon the settings, too fast a swing may not give the detector, and/or the detectorist, enough time to properly analyze the target.

- They may be better at analyzing the targets under the coil. What to dig, what to pass.

- They may recover the target faster. If you recover 10 targets in the same time I recover 5, who is going to find the most?

- They may be better at determining where the crowds congregate at, where people are most likely to lose things.

- They probably hunt longer, harder, and more often.

See you all at the Coinhuna!

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



EUREKA! COINHUNA 2017



FREE HUNT FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Sunday September 10, 2017

Mamie D Eisenhower Park

4000 E Dartmouth Ave

Denver, CO 80222

Northeast corner of the park

Lunch at 11:30

(Subway Sandwiches provided by the Club. Bring a side or dessert.)

Hunt at 12:30 PM



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

Questions? Contact: Chris Davis 225-235-2642

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.



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.

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.

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GDW HBT EADZU P MNTWWI EVAOTNGTU ORWB P
GNAZXTHWPWDT AE P IADZS GPHTGPVV MVPITN.
PH DHDPV HBT VAHW BTN GVRZS RZ WBPW PNT P.

Last Month's Solution:

This month while in her old neighborhood Little Lulubelle had the urge for a taco. She heard of a park that featured a large taco. When she arrived she realized that her hearing was bad. The big taco was actually Paco in honor of Paco Sanchez.

While reading the park rules she lost her bling.

Park: Paco Sanchez Park, Denver

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

GOLD CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg.....	14K Earring with Pearl
Jim Merritt.....	18K White Gold Ring
John Olson	14K White Gold Necklace with 5 Topaz Gems
Win Faires	10K Ring
Joe Johnston	10K 1950 Class Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chris Davis	Silver Ring with Enamel Inlays
Chuck Hedberg.....	Necklace
Randy Sable	Silver Wedding Band
Boots Lewis	Silver Ring with Blue Stone
John Hinton	Silver Ring with Stones
Joe Johnston	Tiffany & Co. Silver Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg.....	1916 S Mercury Dime
Chuck Hedberg.....	1906 Indian Head Cent
Alan Bravo	1905 Indian Head Cent
John Hinton	1899 Barber Dime
Jim Merritt.....	1953 3 Pence
John Olson.....	1911 D Barber Half Dollar

TOKEN CATEGORY

Jack Hoover.....	Gasomat / One Buck
Alan Bravo	Colorado Tax / 1/5 Cent
Win Faires	Wheel Bar, Estes Park, Colo. Rain Check / 50¢ In Trade

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

John Hinton	"Leadville Cannonball" Mining Ball Rock Crusher
John Hinton	Rim Fire Bullet
John Olson	Henry .50 cal Shell
Jim Merritt.....	Tiffany & Co. .925 Dog Tag
Chris Davis	Pocket Knife
Chris Davis	Lead Toy Rifle
Chris Davis	Brass Miner's Chit Tag
Chris Davis	Ford Model T Ignition Key
Alan Bravo	1928 Star Four Auto Emblem
Alan Bravo.....	1953 Colorado Chauffer Badge
Alan Bravo.....	1916 Denver Motor Club Plate

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 - August

GOLD - Joe Johnston

1950 10K Class Ring



Checking a dumpster in Boulder, these were in a Ziplock with other desk drawer type items inside a large trash bag of other discards.

JEWELRY - Joe Johnston

Tiffany & Co. Silver Ring



TOKEN - Win Faires

Wheel Bar / 50¢ In Trade



Using a White's MXT Pro with a Bigfoot coil, Win found this token in a prior dug hole that had been dug about four inches. He dug a bit more to find this Estes Park, Colo. Rain Check token.

COIN - John Olson

1911 D Barber Half Dollar

John was detecting the hills west of Denver with his XP Deus with an 11 inch coil, when he got a "textbook perfect signal" and dug this target at 5 inches deep, a silver half dollar.



ARTIFACT - Alan Bravo

Denver Motor Club Plate



Alan discovered this 1916 Protective License from the Denver Motor Club using his White's V3i with a 6x9 DD coil while searching a 1911 Denver area scrape off. It was 4 inches down.



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.

Snacks ~ as always, treats for the snack table are appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now - September 10 \$15

The Western: An Epic in Art and Film
Denver Art Museum

September 1-2

License Plate Collectors Show
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Sept 17, 2017

Mo-Kan Search & Recovery 41st
Annual Treasure Hunt (Missouri/
Kansas)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Speakers on topics related to club member's interests.
 - Greeter for Eureka! Meetings
 - Rush to the Rockies
Committee Leaders
General Help
 - Articles for SoundOff
 - Help at club hunts
- Please contact a Club Officer or Board Member to get involved!

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

September 16th, 2017 (Saturday)

October 6th, 2017 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

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

Sun, September 10, 2017

Members Only - Free

Coinhuna Hunt

Eisenhower Park, NE corner

Lunch 11:30, Hunt 12:30

Bring a side or dessert

Contact: Chris Davis 225 235-2642

Sun, October 15, 2017

\$15

Fall Quarter Hunt

Ketring Park (park at Littleton Museum)

2:00 pm

Contact: Cindy Bockenstedt 303 523-6735

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

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

<http://www.relicroundup.blogspot.com>

Or the new www.spreaker.com/admr
Relic Roundup Radio Show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert, 7pm Mondays)

TenaciousTreasureTracker.com

Hunt #10 started Aug 1st. See Brian's website for the TTT clues and to check out the new items available.

Eureka! Club Members Service Directory



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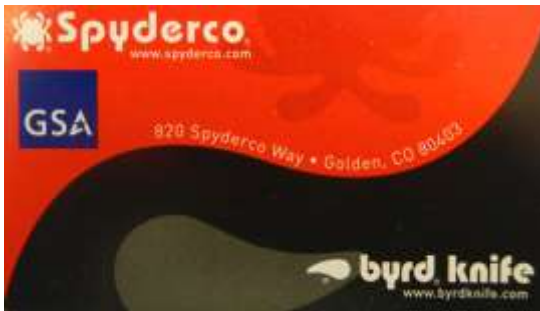


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Gold Prices



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Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires

August 11, 2017

President Chris Davis called the Eureka! THC Club meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone. The officers and board members were introduced. There were 52 present.

Linda Kibler presented the Treasurer's report.

July Hunt – RUSH to the Rockies – Linda Erickson
RUSH was a huge success!

Ron Erickson gave an overview of the weekend hunt. Discussion followed with the Club membership regarding what was done well and what we learned from our experience.

Question: consider having another RUSH in next year, or wait until 2019?

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to have RUSH in 2018. Kim Guite and Sean Miltimore volunteered to be Chairpersons for RUSH 2018.



August Hunt – Just for Fun – Terry Weatherly

August 13 10 AM Majestic View Park, Arvada \$20 MEMBERS ONLY

September Hunt – COINHUNA – Chris Davis

Sunday September 10 Mamie D Eisenhower Park, Denver

More information next month.

Help is needed with food, planting, and judges

Tip of the Month – Chris Davis

When out detecting and it rains, have protective covering(s) for your gear and equipment with you.

LULUBELLE'S BLING – Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman

No one found the Bling this month.

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.

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Please come and join us to share stories, finds, 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.

The next outing will be August 19, 2017 weather permitting.

See Chris Davis to sign up for an email reminder.

Eureka Store: hats, t-shirts, pins, window decals, mugs and patches available for sale.

PERT

Chris is working on scheduling a date for a training class.

HART

Passport in Time (PIT) is a volunteer cultural heritage resources program sponsored by the US Forest Service, and which now includes such partners as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), some State Parks and work with Histori-corps. PIT volunteers work with professional archaeologists and historians on public lands throughout the U.S. on such diverse activities as archaeological survey and excavation, rock art restoration, archival research, historic structure restoration, oral history gathering, and analysis and curation of artifacts.

Norm has researched and there are 2 opportunities available through PIT: Northern California, September 18-22 and Arizona, October 13-19. See Norm for details if interested.

Elections

Nominations for 4 Board members and Newsletter Editor begin in November with elections in December. If interested in being nominated, see a current Board member or Club officer.

Meet & Greet - Jeff Lubbert will be available after the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

General Drawing Winners

Dos peso – Jane Reed

1925 Peace dollar – Ron Norden

1942 S Walking liberty half dollar – Beth Driscoll

1853 Seated liberty quarter – Chuck Hedberg

1887 Seated liberty dime – Linda Erickson

1870 Shield nickel – George Rowe

1936 Buffalo nickel – Sean Miltimore

1864 2 cent – Win Faires

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Membership Drawing Winner – Beth Driscoll

Holiday Drawing Winner – Mary Sable

1921 D Morgan silver dollar

RUSH 2017 50/50 Cash Drawing Winner – Jane Reed

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

Gold category – Joe Johnston

Coin category – John Olson

Token category - Win Faires

Artifact category – Alan Bravo

Jewelry category – Joe Johnston

REMINDERS:

Membership dues: \$30 single and \$36 family

Volunteer to plan and/or assist with a Club hunt

Cowboy Exhibit, Denver Museum of Art – September

COINHUNA – September 10

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

Sept 2017

4th - Breakfast Club 9:00am

4th - Newsletter Published

6th - Board Meeting 6:30pm

8th - General Meeting 7:30pm

10th - Coinhuna 11:30am

16th - Breakfast Club 9:00am

29th - *Soundoff* Deadline

Oct 2017

6th - Breakfast Club 9:00am

6th - Newsletter Published

11th - Board Meeting 6:30pm

13th - General Meeting 7:30pm

15th - Fall Quarter Hunt 2:00pm

21st - Breakfast Club 9:00am

27th - *Soundoff* Deadline

November 2017

3rd - Breakfast Club 9:00am

3rd - Newsletter Published

8th - Board Meeting 6:30pm

10th - General Meeting 7:30pm

12th - Club Hunt

18th - Breakfast Club 9:00am

24th - *Soundoff* Deadline

December 2017

1st - Breakfast Club 9:00am

1st - Newsletter Published

6th - Board Meeting 6:30pm

8th - General Meeting 7:30pm

TBD - Eureka! Holiday Party

16th - Breakfast Club 9:00am

29th - *Soundoff* Deadline

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Visit our club on the Internet: http://www.eurekathc.org or on Facebook			

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.



August 19, 2017 Report and Photos by Chris Davis



On Saturday, August 19, we held our Breakfast Club. The weather was beautiful and we had an excellent turnout of 17 people. Or was it 19? With my shoes on, I get confused with anything over 10. Anyway, we had a good turnout. Decided to go over to Lakewood High School for our hunt. That was a mistake. It turns out, with football season right

around the corner, the school was holding a football squad scrimmage, the band was out practicing, and the parking lot was full. So, we went to Plan B, and drove on down the road to Lakewood Park. The Park was also having a volleyball tournament. Awful hard to find a place to hunt on a nice Saturday. But, we made a hunt anyway. Did not do great, but did not do too badly. Jim M. did best money-wise, with \$1.87. He also picked up a very nice spinner toy to keep him busy after his upcoming retirement. Beth D. found the best item, a boot



knife. Chris D. recovered a necklace pendant. Most importantly, everyone had a quality outdoor recreational experience.





Historical Artifact Recovery Team and Forest Service “Passport in Time” Program By Norm Ruggles

HART: Among our many Eureka! club activities, we have a Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART). HART's purpose is to assist museums, historical societies and other institutions with locating metal artifacts. The intent is to help these groups with their historical research, preservation and knowledge, through the artifacts we locate.

A few months ago the Executive Board appointed me to be the HART Team Leader, and since then I have contacted numerous museums and historical societies across the state, offering them HART's metal detecting services and expertise. I believe we will receive some positive responses which will lead to interesting, worthwhile detecting opportunities for us.

To participate in HART, a club member must fill out, sign and date the current, revised Application Form, and must have been a member of Eureka! at least one year. Please feel free to let me know if you are interested or if you have suggestions about museums, historical societies or other groups we might contact.

While considering possible HART projects, President Chris Davis pointed out a U.S. Forest Service program that may be of interest to our club members called “Passport in Time” (PIT). This is not a Eureka! HART activity, and I do not know of any club member, or anyone else, who has participated. However, PIT's goals appear to coincide with HART's goals, so we're bringing this opportunity to your attention. If interested, you can study PIT further.

PIT: When studying and researching historical areas on Forest Service land, the Forest Service sometimes uses PIT and volunteer metal detectorists, along with volunteers having other skills. For example, in September, PIT will

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study roads and trails used from the 1850's to 1870's in northern California, collectively named the Tejama Emigrant Trail. In October, PIT will study historic wagon roads in northern Arizona, called the Mogollon Trails. The deadlines for applying to PIT to participate in these projects are fast approaching, so if you're interested go to www.passportintime.com, or just google Passport in Time for detailed information.

Numerous PIT projects have been conducted across the country, but not all of them involve metal detecting. When reading about a PIT project online, be sure to check that project's "Special Skills" description to see if metal detectorists are needed. All artifacts must be turned over to the PIT project managers.

A relatively small number of volunteers are accepted for each project, and most of the projects appear to be located in remote areas. Potential volunteers must submit an application to the Forest Service, and selections are made on an individual basis. Group applications are usually not accepted. Individuals are responsible for their own transportation, camping equipment and food.

If any of you decide to volunteer for a PIT project, please let me know. I would like to hear about your experience!

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Just For Fun Hunt

Sunday, August 13, 2017

By Bruce Morton

Summer returned to Majestic View Park early that morning. Following days of grey skies and rainy weather, water droplets and the pure Colorado sunlight made the grass sparkle. Volunteers, Chris Davis, Mary and Randy Sable, Chuck Hedberg, and Bruce Morton, under direction of hunt master Terry Weatherly, roused the slumbering grass hoppers and gnats by treading their field, laying out the hunting ground. They planted over 500 coins including a silver dollar, silver half-dollars, silver quarters, Mercury dimes, Buffalo nickels, and some really cool tokens. In addition, 30 silver rings were added to the bounty.

The rings were donated to Eureka! by the family of Tom Zawatzki, and presented by his friend, John Hinton. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Tom's family and to John for this very kind act and generous contribution.

Additional thanks go to Roy Neys, who also donated some rings to the hunt.



The no frills, mid-morning, hunt was joined by 22 members who were in "Coinhuna tune-up" mode by the 10:00 a.m. start time. Perimeter positions were selected, pleasantries and friendships were put on hold, and competition thickened the air. At the "Go" signal, detectors were lowered and the sweet soft sound of coils skimming the grass arose from the field, soon replaced by the crescendo of beeps and buzzes from pinpointers unearthing treasure.

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After about an hour, the ground had been picked as clean as the bones of a Capybara in a South American river. Smiles abounded.



Copper Round prizes were awarded to Ron Erickson, John Olson, Ken Harmon, and Dan Pierson for having located the brass Roman trinkets. Sean Miltimore and Ken received commemorative coins of Monticello and Gold Country, respectively. From among many successful hunters, John Olson may have earned bragging rights from the sheer volume (boatload, bundle, bushel, gob, passel) of coins he recovered.



Roy Neys and Laura Lewis took home Hobo nickels.



Shane Berger, our 11 year old new member with his 6-function Harbor Freight detector, found the token good for a nice Spyderco knife. He's looking forward to claiming it at the next meeting.

Many thanks Terry, for a very enjoyable hunt.



That's all this month - find something!