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

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EUREKA! HOLIDAY DINNER

December 10, 2017
6 - 8:00 PM

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Adults \$17
Cash Bar



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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 December, 7:30pm

at the

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Blue Ribbon Turkey Hunt

By Brian Henry

Sunday November 12th
Lunch 11:30 Hunt, Started at 12:30
\$20 per person for silver coins and token prizes
Majestic View Park



Tokens Planted For:

Two Small Flashlights, won by Jim Merritt and Ron Graves
Three Ceramic Mugs, won by Beth Driscoll, Vince DiPrimo, Bruce Morton
Two Key Chain Fobs, both won by Roy Neys
One Knife, won by Joe Johnston who also won the Spyderco knife
Two Shirts, won by Vince DiPrimo and Mike Magee
Turkey, won by Boots Lewis
Gold Coin, won by Joyce Keit



There were two contests. The first for “the most coins/tokens found” which was a tie by John Olson and Jeff Lubbert. After a coin toss, Jeff won a large ceramic mug and a blue ribbon for the most found. The other contest was “the least amount of coins/tokens found” with Kim Guite/Sean Miltimore winning a mini Maglite flash light.

It was a beautiful November day for the Blue Ribbon Turkey Hunt. Thanks to Chris Davis, Win and Nancy Faires and Chuck Hedberg for helping plan, set up

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and plant November's hunt. Ron Erickson and John Hinton did a great job cooking the burgers and hot dogs. With a great turnout of 32 hunters, the hunt lasted until Joyce realized she had the token for the gold coin, the last token found.



Who's New

By Bruce Morton

Marcina and George Grimberg

These nice folks found Eureka! through a Google/Facebook search. We appreciate their determination and welcome them. George is a native Coloradan and has always lived near Denver. We thank Cleveland, OH for giving up Marcina to CO in 1970. They are a retired couple who'd only been detecting a month, with their Garrett Ace 300, when they joined us last month. They enjoy other hobbies as well, Marcina participates in the rescue of racing Greyhounds, and George is a motorcyclist. They joined us at Breakfast Club recently, and we hope to continue seeing them. Welcome aboard, Marcina and George.



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.



Prez Sez

By
Chris Davis

December, 2017

The Holiday Season is upon us! It is that time of the year we can abuse our blood sugar levels and pick up some badly needed calories, all while feeling less guilty about it.

I got my Christmas Present a bit early this year. The day after I got back from England, I picked up a new puppy. Jet lag, plus getting up two or three times a night is a lot of fun. A good night's sleep is highly overrated. What kind of dog? It is a Sengarian Mousehound. These animals are bred for their viciousness and fighting abilities. We been feeding her small bunnies, but eventually she will eat cats and small children.

I let my wife name her. Told her she could choose between, "Spike, Killer and Katie", but the choice was hers. For some reason, she chose "Katie". However, she (the dog) also answers to "Hairball" and "Fuzzbucket".

How does any of this relate to treasure hunting? Well, I am glad you asked. First, she will be my new metal detecting partner. So, there will be at least one smart individual in my group. I am also training her to find and fetch gold rings. She has been doing okay. The only problem, sometimes she brings a finger back with the ring. Got to work on that.

Well, I suppose I should admit she is really not a Sengarian Mousehound. She is a Poodle, but do not tell her. She thinks she is a Sengarian Mousehound.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season! Hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

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



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.

PQGGPF PMPMXFPPF ZNO OGMVHQKS GLF DTPTANVT
STPV AMOL. AFDFKG KFZO NXTMG DLNKSFO QK
GLF AMPFO STEFAKQKS CATOCFDGQKS NG DNDLF
DAFFU QK DLNRRFF DTMKGH QKGFAFOGFV LFA. OT
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OLF RTMKV N OCQANP OPQVF GT CPNH TK. OLF
PTOG LFA XPQKS, XMG RTMKV KT STPV TK LFA
NVEFKGMAF.

Last Month's Solution:

While researching the history of Lakewood Little Lulubelle came across a story of jars of gold coins having been buried in Addenbrooke Park by the original owner. She looked around the old windmill but did not find them however she lost her bling.

Park: Addenbrooke Park

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

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GOLD CATEGORY

Brian Henry..... 14K Ring
 Chuck Hedberg..... 14K White Gold Ring
Tom Peeples.....10K Ring with Pearl and 3 Diamonds

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Bruce Morton Heart Necklace
 Bruce Morton Sterling Bead Plated Insert
 John Hinton..... Skull Pendant
 Vince DiPrimo Brown Ring
 Jay Reed..... Silver Wire Wrap Ring
Norm Ruggles Silver Virgin Mary Pendant

COIN CATEGORY

Jim Merritt.....1912, 1904 V Nickels
 John Hinton..... 1891 Indian Head Cent
 Chuck Hedberg.....1937 Silver Washington Quarter
 Tonette Romero 4 Wheat Penny Spill
 Alan Bravo Dateless Large Cent
Jack HooverRomulus & Remus Roman Coin

TOKEN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg Colorado Tax
Alan Bravo Oklahoma Tax

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

John Olson..... J.M. O'Donnell Whiskey Tag
 Linda Erickson Eagle Button
 John Olson..... Eagle Button
 Chuck Hedberg Academy of Dancing Award
 Vince DiPrimo Shakey's Pizza San Antonio TX Medallion
 Jack Hoover Roman Pot Patch
 Norm Ruggles..... Boy Scout Oath Medallion
 Jay Reed..... Butter Nut Lone Ranger Silver Club Lapel Pin
 Cindy Bockenstedt Advertising Spoon for Chocolates "Austin's"
Alan Bravo..... D&RGRR Key

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 - November

GOLD - Mary Sable

10K Pearl & Diamonds Ring



With the standard coil on her White's MXT, Mary searched Garfield Park and discovered this ring buried about 2 inches or less. The large pearl and 3 diamonds gold ring rang in with a VDI of 15.

The token was 4 inches down.

TOKEN - Alan Bravo

Oklahoma Tax

Alan searched an empty lot long after a house stood there and found this token with his White's V3i with a GX 10" DD coil. The token was 4 inches down.



ARTIFACT - Alan Bravo

D&RGRR Key

This Denver and Rio Grande Railroad switchman's padlock key was found at a scrape off of an early 1900s house about 4 inches deep.

Alan was using his White's V3i with a 6x9" DD coil.



JEWELRY - Norm Ruggles

Silver Virgin Mary Pendant

Norm found this big silver pendant the morning of the November Eureka! monthly meeting in a Greenwood Village Park, two inches deep. He was searching with his Garrett Ace 350 with an 11" standard coil.



COIN - Jack Hoover

Roman Romulus & Remus

This coin is dated 330-333 AD. It is a Roman Romulus & Remus, Suckling on a Wolf. Jack found this coin in England in a piece of dead grass which was dug by a previous detectorist who missed the target. Jack used his Deus with an 11" coil.



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.

Nominations ~ consider running or nominating for the Eureka! Board or Newsletter Editor.

Dessert Meeting ~ Bring a sweet treat to the December meeting.

Pre-Christmas Detecting Sale ~ tables will be available for members to sell their detecting related items.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Greeter for Eureka! Meetings
 - Rush to the Rockies
 - Set-up and Clean-up
 - Planters
 - Extra Activities Coordinator
 - Fireside Chat
 - Gold panning station
 - Snack Bar help
 - Helping with lunch
 - Articles for SoundOff
 - Help at Club Hunts
- 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
JAN - 1622 Atocha Shipwreck

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

December 16th, 2017 (Saturday)

January 5th, 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, December 10, 2017

\$17 (\$15 Seniors 65+)

Eureka! Holiday Party

Cinzzetti's

281 W 104th Ave, Northglenn, CO

6:00-8:00 pm

Contact: Nancy Faires 303 368-1356

Sun, January 14, 2018

\$15

Midwinter Metal Mania

11:00 am

Westlands Park, Center Pavilion

Greenwood Village

Contact: Norm Ruggles 303 993-5442

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

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

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.

Eureka! Club Members Service Directory



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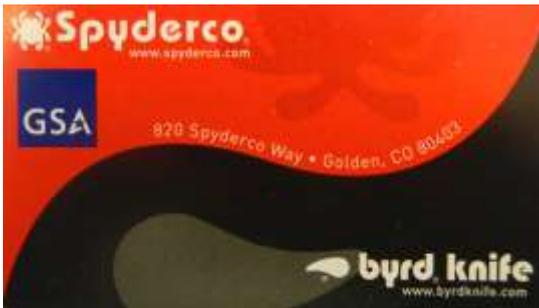


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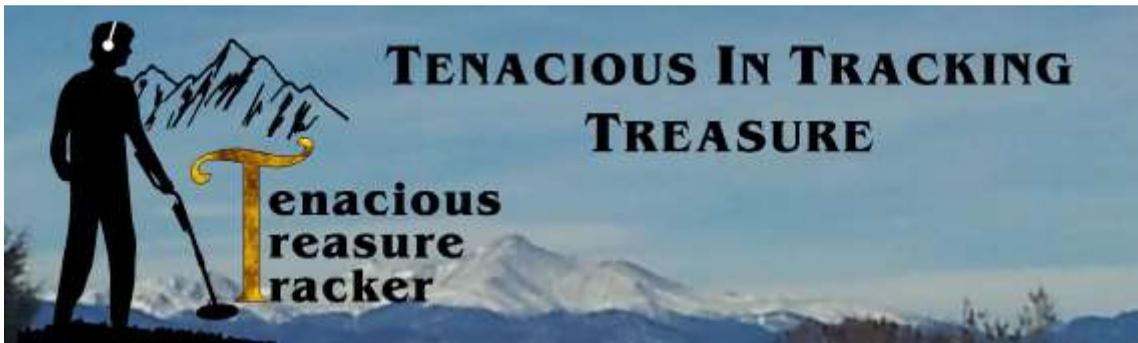
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Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires



November 10, 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 76 present including guests and new members.

Linda Kibler presented the Treasurer's report.

The speaker tonight is Douglas Mudd from the American Numismatic Association (ANA).



Kim Guite reported that the first 2018 RUSH to the Rockies committee planning meeting was held October 17th at 3R Auto, 3701 S Kalamath. The schedule, hunt rules, map, flyer and registration forms are now on the Eureka! web site.

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

October Hunt – Fall Quarter Hunt - Cindy Bockenstedt
October 15 Ketring Park

There were 25 detectorists participating.

Abel Espinosa found the Spyderco token and received a Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis (with assistance from Fran Espinosa).



November Hunt – Blue Ribbon Turkey Hunt – Brian Henry Majestic View Park
November 12 \$20

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Club. Please bring a side dish.

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December – Cinzzetti's December 10 6 - 8 PM

The Eureka! Holiday party will be Sunday, December 10th from 6 – 8 PM at Cinzzetti's, 281 W 104th Ave, Northglenn, Colorado: \$17 Adults, \$15 Seniors (65+)

Please sign up with Nancy Faires.

LULUBELLE'S BLING – Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman Alan Bravo found the Bling at Addenbrooke Park, Lakewood and received 5 golden coins.

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 November 18th, weather permitting.

Elections

Nominations for 4 Board members and Newsletter Editor begin this month. Elections will be in December.

The following were nominated, seconded and agreed to their nomination:

- Brian Henry
- Glen Thompson
- Cindy Bockenstedt
- Boots Lewis
- Ron Erickson
- Alan Bravo
- Win Faires
- Roy Neys
- John Olson

The following were nominated for Newsletter Editor:

- Bruce Morton

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

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General Drawing Winners

1863 Flag coin – Alan Bravo
1922 D Peace dollar – John Olson
1944 Walking liberty half dollar – Chuck Hedberg
1855 Seated liberty quarter – Mimi Pachon
1876 Seated liberty dime – Vince DiPrimo
1899 V nickel – Cindy Bockenstedt
1865 3 cent nickel – Sean Miltimore
1864 2 cent – Ken Harmon
1833 Large cent – Marcus Lieberman
1853 Seated liberty half dollar – Win Faires
Dos peso – Trenton Graves
2010 Proof set – Ron Roberson



Membership Drawing Winner – Jane Reed

Holiday Drawing Winner – Chuck Hedberg
1818 S Morgan silver dollar



RTTR 50/50 Cash Drawing Winner – Theresa Goebel

RTTR 2nd Chance Winner - Jeff Lubbert won 4 passes to the Railroad History Museum



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

Gold category – Mary Sable
Coin category – Jack Hoover
Token category – Alan Bravo
Artifact category – Alan Bravo
Jewelry category – Norm Ruggles



REMINDERS:

Don't forget to bring a dessert to the December meeting

Blue Ribbon Turkey Hunt – November 12
Cinzzetti's Holiday Dinner – December 10 6 – 8 PM
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



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



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December 8th at the Eureka! Meeting

Members can bring in **detecting related items** to sell. Tables will be provided to display your items. Please label your items with what they are, the price and whom to see regarding it.



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Volunteers

PERT	Chris Davis	Nametags	Linda Erickson
HART	Norm Ruggles	Rush to the Rockies	Kim Guite, Sean Miltimore
Hunt Coordinator	Jeff Lubbert	Greeter	Linda Erickson
Finds Table	Bernice Ortiz	Hotline	Laura Smith
Finds Table	Brian Henry	Speakers	Jeff Lubbert
Drawing Table	Fran Espinosa	Orientation	Board Member
Drawing Table	Abel Espinosa	Coin Purchases	Jeff Lubbert

For general information contact the hotline: (303) 595-5448

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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.

November 3, 2017 Reports and Photos by Chris Davis



Sixteen of our merry band of detectorists met at the Lookin' Good Restaurant on Nov. 3rd for our bimonthly Breakfast Club outing. After chowing down, we all ambled over to the Rocky Mountain Lake Park for a hunt. Did not do too bad as Dan, Randy, Mary, Jim, Vince and Dan all found over two whole dollars in change. Mary picked up \$2 in one spill. Two or three Wheaties were recovered. Vince got a ring and an earring. Randy got two rings. I got some very nice bottle caps, which is much more fun than digging gup gold or Roman coins.



November 18, 2017 The Breakfast Club Strikes Gold Again



We had a great turnout for the November 18th Breakfast Club outing. Eighteen club members attended. After breakfast, upon Roy N.'s excellent recommendation, we made a detecting hunt over on the City Park Golf Course. It seems the property has been scheduled for



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destruction as part of a drainage project. Roy talked to the contractor, who advised him the property would be fenced and posted on the upcoming Monday, but we were free to hunt it on Saturday and Sunday. So off we went.



In my humble opinion, we had an excellent hunt. Everyone found a fair bit of change. Chuck H. started the hunt off right with a 1936 Mercury dime. Joyce K. picked up a ring and a silver locket. Randy S. dug a neat pocket watch frame. Roy N. got a cymbal. Doug M. did best by far with a silver Roosevelt dime and 2 rings. One was a very nice gold ring. It was inscribed, "MC" on the front, and had "4-1-58" inscribed on the back. It did not have a karat marking, so I told him that green stuff on the edge indicated it was copper and offered \$5, but for some reason he declined. Jim M. came in a close second with a 14K eagle like cuff-link weighing 2.1 g. I would say we did okay.



One of the advantages of the XP Deus are the special dedicated programs for bottle caps and golf balls. Using this program, I was able to recover 18 golf balls. With all the golf balls, I was able to work on my swing, which I think I got down pretty well. In one situation, I got a nice quarter signal, dug, and 2" down, pulled out a golf ball. A quarter was under the golf ball.



2018 Rush to the Rockies Planning Meeting

By Cindy Bockenstedt

Your Chairman Kim Guite along with the committee leaders are busy planning the 2018 Rush to the Rockies Hunt. The RUSH team spent an evening discussing the items to be put into the different hunts. The hunts will have items related to their names. The five hunts will be: Lady Liberty Silver, Liberty Bell Casino, Red White & Blue Buffalo, Wild Wild West, Uncle Sam's Silver Spectacular.



Among other things, volunteer opportunities were discussed and it was agreed on to have smaller specific tasks for volunteers. Donations are always being accepted. Your RUSH planning team is quite pumped up as they are pulling together the targets and making their great ideas into reality. It's going to be FUN!

Get involved, the next meeting is:
Thursday, January 4, 2018
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Gold Prices



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Eureka! I Have Found It!

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The famous Greek mathematician, Archimedes, was said to have exclaimed, "Eureka!" when he suddenly solved the problem of how to determine the purity of a gold crown. The word was also frequently shouted by miners during the great California Gold Rush when they found gold, "Eureka! I have found it!". By sheer coincidence, we all belong to a metal detecting club called, "Eureka!"

This was the third year Jack Hoover and I have run off to England in pursuit of buried treasure with Peter and Sarah Welch's Weekend Wanderers Metal Detecting Tour. If we, in the US of A, find an 1800s coin, we pee on ourselves. In England, most of these age class coins are considered "greenies" and discarded. In England, you can find a 2,000 year old coin. And of course, "treasure" is in the eye of the beholder. For what I spend flying off to England each year, I could go down to the coin shop and buy several gold coins. But, it is not quite the same as digging old coins and artifacts up out of the ground with your own hands, being the first one to touch the item since it was lost centuries ago. Yeah, it does not take much to amuse some folks.

During our nine day tour, we visited a wide range of agricultural and pastoral sites and made some outstanding finds. As usual, Peter and Sarah did a great job researching good historical locations and making arrangements with the landowners. Our group picked up three Celtic Coins (BC, at least 2,000 years old), two Saxon coins (695-740 AD), six silver Roman Denarius coins (100-400 AD) and 20+ hammered silver coins (1100-1450 AD). One of our group recovered what appears to be a very interesting medieval knife handle. The end is a crown. On one side is a face, holding a shield below. The body is that of a lion. I would not expect many of the local peasants to be using such an item. Among other items, we also found an Anglo Saxon silver rabbit, a

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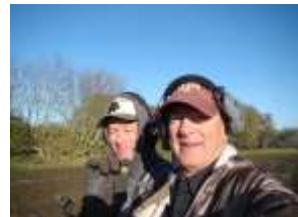
Charles II 1760 silver coin, a Roman brooch, a heraldic horse pendant, a St. Bernadette relic, a Roman ear pick, a 1690 tin coin, a seal matrix, a Cartwheel penny, several silver 6 pence and a pile of Roman bronze coins a show dog could not jump over, which included at least six large Sestertius coins.



On the third day of the tour, we made a run over to some property adjacent to a tiny, but unnamed village northeast of London. There is not much currently there but a school, but it was once the site of an old medieval village. We drove in and parked on a greenbelt between two agricultural fields. Half our crew went off to search an old spring and Roman Villa to the west. Unfortunately, they did not find much.



The rest of us moved off toward the old village. The field was rough plowed. It was difficult to get a good coverage swing with my XP Deus. I was using the default GM Power program, because I wanted to be able to also hear iron and know I was in an area once inhabited. I could see a very large oak tree in a field just out of the village. I figured that would have been a wonderful place for folks to congregate over the past 300-400 years, so I headed that way. It seems I was not the only one to come up with such reasoning, as two of our crew beat me over to it. Not wanting to crowd them, I started working a more or less level strip about 50 feet to the southwest of the tree. I had not gone 30 feet when I got a hit. My VDI read "74", or, in the pull tab range. But, seeing as I had only had three hits on the day, I felt obligated to dig it. Of course, in England you dig all non-Ferris targets. At a depth of only three inches, I uncovered what was obviously a hammered gold coin. The yellow gold color was unmistakable. I left it in place and took several photos before picking it up. I then sent Jack, a text message, "Eureka! I have found gold!" I then called Peter and told him I had found a hammered gold coin. He walked over for a look. Peter identified the coin as a Quarter Nobel minted during the reign of one of the Edwards. When I got home I was able to better identify it. The coin was minted during the



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reign of Edward III (1327-1377) at the London Mint. It is amazing what you can find on Google. We all worked the surrounding field as hard as we could, but found only a few musket balls. At the time I found the coin, I could honestly say I had found gold in 33% of the holes I had dug that day, seeing as I had only dug three holes. Of course, as the coin was over 300 years old, I had to turn it in to the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO). I should get it back next year.



This is the second gold coin I have found. Both my gold coins have been found on Peter's tours. The first was an 1849 Half Sovereign found on my first trip over. One of the little things we do, if you find a gold coin, you get to put a gold star on your metal detector. Jack, just happened to have some spare stars for this trip. Now that is what I call an optimist. I now have two gold stars on my machine.



Peter said we could dig the pasture next to a river after lunch. (By-the-by, it usually takes me no more than 5 minutes to eat my lunch.) I was skeptical we would find much. Over the last 1000 years the river had undoubtedly flooded 500 times, each time depositing several inches of silt. I expected anything good to be buried under 3-6 feet of soil. But, we were not finding anything in the rough plowed fields (other than a gold coin), so several of us gave the pasture a try. I worked the high ground away from the river, and did not get a hit. Rather depressing. For lack of a better idea, I worked across the field next to the river. And, started getting hits. First was an old button, then a lead gaming token and a greenie. Only Mike D. and I continued to work the area. Shortly later, Mike came over and said he had found a ring. And not just any ring. It turned out to be a gold ring, an old gold ring. Possibly Stuart Period (1603-1714). The central stone was missing, but it still had ten rough cut diamonds surrounding the gap. Rather than the prongs used to hold stones today, the edge of the gold overlapped up on the stones the entire circumference. It was indeed, a very nice ring.



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Unfortunately, the ring will probably be declared Treasure, and it is unlikely he will get it back. Mike also found a 1670, Charles II silver coin, and the Bernadette relic (little box with a tiny piece of cloth and the label "Bernadette") not five feet away. It was obvious individuals from the village had been using the river bank for hundreds of years. Wouldn't I love to know who it was that was affluent enough to possess my gold coin and Mike's gold ring? And how did these items come to be lost? Such curiosity is one of the reasons I metal detect.

Eureka! I have found it.



December 2017

1st - Breakfast Club 9:00am
1st - Newsletter Published
6th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
8th - General Meeting 7:30pm with
Sale and Dessert night.
10th - Eureka! Holiday Party 6:00pm
16th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
29th - *Soundoff* Deadline

January 2018

4th - Rush to the Rockies Meeting 6:30pm
5th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
5th - Newsletter Published
10th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
12th - General Meeting 7:30pm
14th - Midwinter Metal Mania 11:00am
20th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
26th - *Soundoff* Deadline

February 2018

2nd - Breakfast Club 9:00am
2nd - Newsletter Published
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
9th - General Meeting 7:30pm
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

That's all this month - Merry Christmas!