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Finding Gold Rings

by
Chris Davis

We detect for a wide range of items. For many of us, the best thing we can find is a gold ring (just ahead of pull tabs and bottle caps). Rings are personal. Someone wore them. Somehow, they were lost. There is an unknown story behind them. Yes, we would all like to find the Crown Jewels, or at least 3 gold Double Eagles (and 3 silver dollars) in one hole, but odds of such discoveries are somewhat remote. Heck, I even *know* one individual who found 3 gold rings in one hole, but I am not holding my breath waiting for it to happen to me.



I do not claim to be the best in our Club at finding gold rings, but I have found my share. In the past five years I have found 402 rings, of which 31 were gold, and 63 were silver.



Although I already had a pretty good idea who the best gold-getters in the Club were, I went thru the last 5 years of Newsletter Archives checking to see who entered gold items in the Finds of the Month. It came as no surprise to me, Win Faires was the most productive with 24 items entered in the Gold Category. And, I happen to know, Win has not entered nearly all of his gold finds. I was, however, very surprised I came in second with 21. Chuck Hedberg had 16, Cindy Bockenstedt had 12, Roy Neys 10, John Hinton 9 and Mary Sable, Glenn Thompson, Joe Johnson, Pat Lucero all had 8 entries.

What kind of gold items won in the Find of the Month, Gold Category? Another non-surprise, rings made up 80% of the entries. Gold religious medallions made up 5%. We also had a gold bead, necklace, bracelet, pendant, earring, nugget, vial of gold flakes and a tooth crown. Yes, gold flakes can now be entered, if they were all taken from one location during the period of no more than 1 day. If you get in a bar fight and knock someone's gold tooth out, you can enter that too. If it is your gold tooth that gets knocked out, you cannot enter it, but we would still like to see it.



The winners of the Find of the Month, Gold Category, found their items in a wide range of location types, but public parks led the list. This should come as no surprise, as parks are a favored hunting ground in the Denver area. Also, remember folks hunting parks are not usually looking for old, deep targets. They are looking for relatively shallow items lost during the past year or so.

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- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

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Parks	18	34%
Elementary Schools and Tot Lots	9	17%
Beaches (Salt water 4, Fresh 1)	5	9%
Soccer Fields	4	7.5%
Ski Slopes	3	5.7%
High Schools	3	5.7%
Yards	2	3.8%
Curbing	1	1.9%
Scrape Off	1	
Mountain Trail	1	
Creek	1	
Tailings	1	
Sledding Hill	1	
Ball park	1	
Tennis Court	1	



It may come as a surprise to some of you, but all gold jewelry is not just Yellow or White Gold. Gold comes in a wide range of other colors, such as: Rose, Green, Strawberry, Pink, Honey, Brown, Black, even Blue and Purple. But, most of the gold jewelry we find is Yellow, White or Rose, with an occasional Black Hills Gold (which has yellow, green and pink gold).



Rose Gold is composed of yellow gold, copper and silver.

Yellow gold rings are composed of gold, and silver, copper, or zinc.

White gold rings are composed of gold, and palladium, nickel or zinc. Most folks (guys, anyway) are not aware that virtually all modern white gold rings are also plated with Rhodium, which give it a shiny appearance. If the ring gets a lot of use and wear, the Rhodium

layer will need to be replaced. I, personally, do not care for white gold. Gold is supposed to be yellow. If I wanted a silver colored ring, I would get a silver ring. I usually just throw all the white gold rings I find back. What I would really like to find is a pure Rhodium ring. At current prices, gold is going for \$1,291/oz., while Rhodium goes for \$3,230/oz. Yes, while not common, they do make pure Rhodium rings. By-the-by, strange as it may sound, our Find of the Month Regulations do not allow entry of pure Platinum (\$851/oz.), Palladium (\$1,390/oz) or Rhodium items in the Gold Category. They currently have to be entered in the Jewelry Category.

Back to metal detecting.... Unfortunately, gold rings are one of the more difficult things to recover. One of the problems: different gold rings fall all over the VDI scale. They can be found mixed in anywhere from foil to a zinc penny. Gold rings will give a wide range of VDI's depending upon karat, weight and shape. A tiny, fine gold ring may fall in the foil area. A large 10K man's class ring will probably read up in the zinc penny VDI range. This makes sense as large class rings have large mass. Many of these are 10K gold rings which contain 41.7% gold, which means they are 58.3% something else (often silver and/or copper) Of course, silver and copper have excellent conductivity and higher VDI



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numbers.

I tested 39 of the gold rings I have found. Forty-four percent (44%) fell below the nickel range. I should point out, one of my (many) faults in the past has been my reluctance to dig “foil” signals, so this percentage is undoubtedly higher in the real world.

Only 10% of the rings I found and tested fell in the foil range. 33% fell between foil and nickels, 21% fell in the nickel range, 26% fell in the pull tab/Aluminum shard range, and 10% fell in the penny range.

#	Deus VDI (similar items)	%
4	40's (foil range)	10.3%
13	50's (Between foil and nickels)	33.3
8	60's (Nickle range)	20.5
10	70's (Pull tabs, AL shards)	25.6
4	80's (Penny range)	10.3



So, based on my limited and undoubtedly flawed testing sample, it appears only 10% of the gold rings I found were in the Foil range, and only 10% of the gold rings I found were in the Penny range. This information would tend to indicate the successful gold ring hunter should put special emphasis on items which show up in the Foil, Nickel, Pull Tab, and Aluminum Shard VDI range.

Just for yucks and giggles, I ran some tests at a Breakfast Club. The hunt was timed. At the end, total items in each hunter's pouch were tabulated. Items were separated into piles based on “Higher VDI Potential to be Gold” (Foil, Al Shards, Pull Tabs, Nickels, Gold) and “Not as Likely to be Gold” (Coins other than nickels, Bottle Caps, Large AL Shards) VDI categories. Total items dug per hunter were divided into minutes of hunting to come up with a “Minutes per Target Dug figure”. One might expect hunters who dug more targets to be more successful. One might also expect hunters who dug more targets in the “Higher VDI Potential to be Gold” area to be more successful finding gold items.



	Hunter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total Targets Dug		60	34	24	20	27	29	8	17
Minutes Per Target Dug		2.00	3.53	5.00	4.50	4.44	4.13	15.00	7.06
# Items Not as Likely to be Gold		43	23	16	11	11	17	1	11
# Items Possibly Gold		17	11	8	9	16	12	7	6

As it just happened to turn out in this sample, Hunter #1 did find a gold ring.



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So, I offer what I feel have been my Keys to Finding Gold Rings:



Use Good Technique and Ground Coverage. Check your swing. Is the coil on the ground throughout your swing? If the coil is coming off the ground toward the ends of your swing, you are cutting down on your ground coverage. How much ground does your swing cover per sweep? On the day, if I swing 1000 square feet, and you swing 500, who do you suppose will have the statistical best chance of finding something?

Learn to dig targets fast. The more targets you recover, the better the chances you will find something good. I believe a critical factor is quickly recovering each target. After a day's hunt is over, if you dug 100 targets, and I dug 300 targets, who do you suppose is going to have the best chance of finding gold? Yes, that item at 6" could be a gold ring, but if I can dig 5 shallow targets in the same time it takes you to dig that 6" item, who do you think will, statistically, come out on top at the end of the day? In the long run, numbers do count.

Dig the right kind of targets. Take a close look at the stuff you have in your pouch at the end of your next hunt. It will give you a very good idea of your odds of finding gold rings. If all you have in your pouch after the day's hunt are bottle caps and coins, you are going to be missing a lot of gold rings. If you want to find gold, you need to be digging for foil, aluminum shards, slaw or a pull tab, but you never know what you will find. Yeah, it is probably foil, can for sure unless you dig it up. You have all heard, "if you want to find gold, you need to be digging for everything". This is usually much easier said than done. After you dig that first 100 or so pieces of trash, the natural tendency is to start skipping similar targets.



I dig all the crisp, solid targets. Granted, all gold rings do not always produce a "crisp, solid" sound/VDI. Some gold targets skip all over the place with a fuzzy signature. But, personally, I play the percentages

Go where the gold is. Back during the 20's a famous bank robber was asked, "Why do you rob banks?". The bank robber looked perplexed, then responded, "Because that is where the money is". Same thing with gold rings. A number of years ago, while down south, I had the opportunity to search a freshwater beach in the poorer part of town. The folks utilizing this beach did not appear to be overly affluent. I waded out, searched for several hours and found a spattering of coins. Then I got a good hit. I dug and was pleasantly surprised to see a gold watch lined with diamonds in my scoop. I am getting to the age where my close eyesight is not what it used to be, and I am too vain to wear "cheaters" on the beach. Therefore, I was unable to closely examine my trophy in the field. When I got back to the house I carefully studied the watch and did some research. I reluctantly concluded, "Made in China" was not one of the finer jewelry manufacturers. Oh well, the hope was nice while it lasted. I must admit, I had my reservations from the



start. The socio-economic demography of the clientele using this particular beach was just not right for such a find. Your chances of finding good jewelry increases if you search places used by rich folks or where masses of people congregate.

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I love soccer fields. The more folks frolicking around, the more stuff they will lose and the more stuff you can potentially find. Okay, okay, you do not have to beg, you can have another story. A number (a long number) of years ago I was down at Panama City, Florida. During the day, the beach was crammed with 3000 - 4000 beach goers. So, I figured I would go out that night and rack up. Soon as the sun went down, out I went. Only to see the headlights of 30 or 40 other detectorists who had the same idea. In our area you might want to make a park run immediately after peak days, such as Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. Or, any Saturday or Sunday during the summer. If you put it off, your finds may be reduced by other detectorist competitors.

Tot lots (wood chip play areas) are great for practice, and gold can be found there. I have found 4 gold rings in wood chip play areas during the past year. It is easy to dig and recover the targets quickly. Dig everything in a tot lot.

Dig Pennies. Yes, according to my data, only 10% of the gold rings I have found came from penny signals. However, a good number of silver and other rings will also show up as “pennies”.

Luck definitely plays a part. Some of you may remember we had a 10-year-old young man join the Club several years ago. He came out to one of our Club hunts with a Harbor Freight detector. All he found during the hunt were the 4 dimes I dropped in front of him, and the Spyderco Token (we try to hide a Spyderco Token at each Club Hunt, which can be exchanged for a Spyderco Knife). Yeah, luck definitely plays a part, but the more persistent you are, the “luckier” you will be. I would rather be lucky, than good.

Put in the time. This is the most important suggestion I will make. Persistence does pay. As the old saying goes, “even a blind hog can find an acorn every once in a while.” Which is kind of a silly saying... with their acute sense of smell, a blind hog would have no problem finding an acorn. The point is, if you swing that coil long enough, you’ gonna find gold.



Eureka! 2019 Calendar

June						
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July						
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August						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2019

- 7th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 7th - Newsletter Published
- 12th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 14th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 23rd - **Lulu's Bling Hunt**
See flyer in this edition
- 28th - *Soundoff* Deadline

July 2019

- 5th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 5th - Newsletter Published
- 10th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 12th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 14th - **Fifty Cent Hunt**
See "Preview" in this edition
- 20th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 26th - *Soundoff* Deadline



August 2019

- 2nd - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 2nd - Newsletter Published
- 7th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 9th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 11th - Club Hunt
- 17th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 30th - *Soundoff* Deadline



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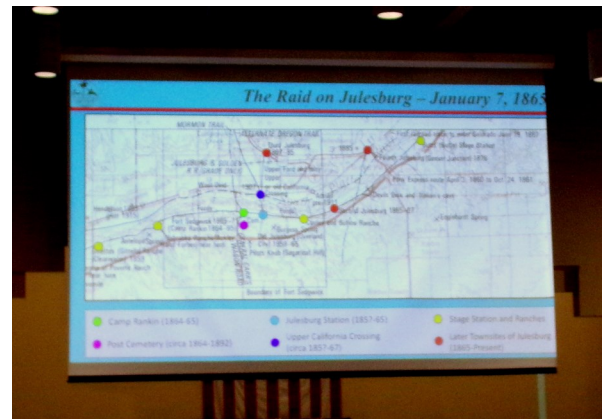
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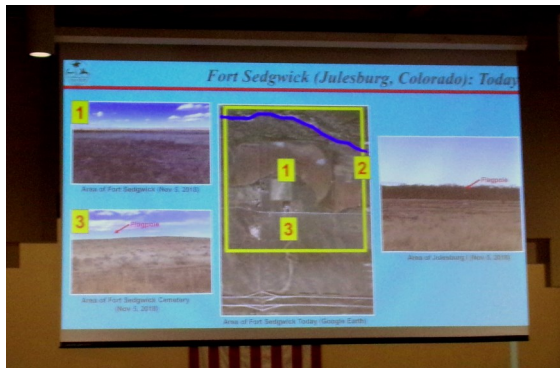
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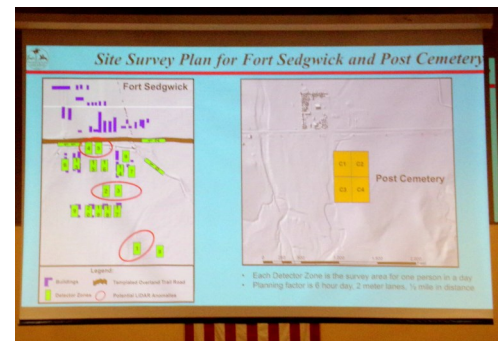
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At the general meeting on Friday, May 10th, **Ray Sumner** presented on his dissertation research into the Battle of Julesburg and the Cheyenne and Arapaho response to the Sand Creek Massacre. He also exhibited a series of trays of artifacts collected by Fred Werner and Dallas Williams. Ray was also asked the club to support his dissertation work by having members of the HART assist in surveying the site of Camp Rankin, Fort Sedgwick, and Julesburg Station. The initial tests will be June 11 & 13, and the main effort on 9-11 and 16-19 July. Ray is a PhD student in Anthropology (archaeology) at Colorado State University and is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army.



Thanks Ray!



THE PREZ SEZ

by
Chris Davis



June, 2019

June! Summertime is here again, the moon is full, the air is thin... at least until it snows again. I got 10 inches at the house during that last little May flurry.

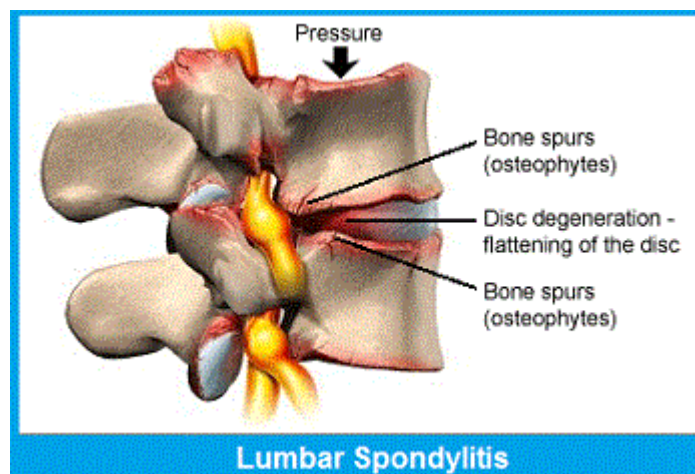
Some folks complain because it is too cold to detect. Then they complain because it is too hot to detect. These people would kick if you hung them with a new rope. So, hunt early, hunt late. Hunt under trees. If you go on vacation, take your detector. But hunt. It is a proven scientific fact, you will find more detecting anywhere, than you will sitting on the couch watching tv and eating potato chips. I personally tested the theory and found it to be unmistakably true.

Oh yes, June 21 will be Summer Solstice. In Denver, Summer Solstice will occur at precisely 9:53:46. This is the longest day of the year. The day will be 14 hours, 59 minutes and 18 seconds long. From then on out, our metal detecting day will get shorter. On June 22, the day will be 2 whole seconds shorter. Whoever figured all this out had way too much time on their hands.

Well, all those years of metal detecting have finally caught up with me. My lower back has been bothering me for several years now. Let's see, in the past 5 years I have recovered 27,500 coins. Multiply that times 4, to account for all the garbage I dug up, and that makes at least 110,000 times I went down and got up. I am surprised I lasted as long as I did.

I had been putting it off and planned to go see the doctor in June, but made the mistake of cutting up 3 trees for firewood. The result was, I could hardly get out of bed the next morning. So, I went over to the doctor's and had an x-ray, then on to get an MRI. The MRI is pretty neat. They slide you up in a claustrophobic machine and bombard you with electromagnetic waves for 24 minutes without moving. After the procedure, I could wave my hand over a quarter and get a buzzing sound in my ears.

I am afraid the news was not good. I asked the doctor how I was and he said, "Son, you are gonna die". The doctor was half my age, but they teach them to call everyone "Son" in medical school. I told the doctor he did not have to sugar coat it. I could take it. My doctor says he will be surprised if I make it another 60 years. I have a little scoliosis, and some spondylosis. No radiating pain or numbness (except in the head). I've been going to Physical Therapy twice a week to learn how to strengthen my lower back muscles. So there it is; you've got to start being nicer to me.



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.



May 2019

FIND OF THE MONTH

GOLD CATEGORY

Win Faires 10K Ladies Diamond Ring
Randy Sable **10K Mens Class Ring**

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Mike Magee Copper Turquoise Bracelet
 Mary Sable 925 Mens Ring
 Marcina Grimberg Mt Holyoke Necklace
 Jay Reed St Maximiliann Medal
 Jack Hoover Tiffany Heart Padlock
 Norm Ruggles Ring with Stones
 Pat Lucero Kids Bracelet
Win Faires **925 Hershey's Kiss Necklace**

COIN CATEGORY

Chris Davis Roll of 1964 Pennies
 John Olson 1917 Mercury Dime
 James Harrington Foreign Coin
 Jeff McClendon 1802 V Nickel
 John Hinton 1910 V Nickel
 Joe Johnston 1964-D Quarter
Alan Bravo **1880 Indian Head Penny**

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Chris Davis Pocket Watch
 Chris Davis Locket Pill Box
 Alan Bravo Brass Bell
 Mary Sable Toy Gun
 Marty Stone Baseball Token
 Marcus Lieberman Matchbox Car
 John Olson 1917 Messkit Knife
 Dan Pierson Spoon Handle
 Dan Pierson Perfume Bottle Stopper
 Pat Lucero Throwing Knife
 Mary Anne Bower Smelter Badge
Jim Griffin **44 Magnum Pistol**

TOKEN CATEGORY

No Entries

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 - May 2019

GOLD - Randy Sable

14-K Mens Class Ring



Recovered at Loretto Heights site
Hunting with HART Team, using
Garrett AT Pro

JEWELRY - Win Faires

925 Hershey's Kiss Necklace



Recovered from elementary school wood
chip lot, using XP Deus

COIN - Alan Bravo

1880 Indian Head Penny



Recovered from 1886 scrape-
off about 3" deep.
Whites V3i

ARTIFACT - Jim Griffin

44 Magnum Revolver



Recovered from a Denver park lake.
Whites MXT

TOKEN

No Entries



2019 Eureka! PGA Championship Hunt

by
Alan Bravo - Huntmaster

With the sound of a horn and a resounding FORE! the May hunt got into swing as thirty-one eager hunters teed off the 2019 Eureka! PGA Championship Hunt at Robby Ferrufino Park in Arvada. The weather started out iffy, with cloudy skies and a cool breeze. But the sky eventually lightened up and some jackets came off as hunters tried to beat each other to the 1,000+ planted targets. Finds included Wheaties, Indian



Heads and several Flying Eagle cents. Other coins were silver dimes and quarters, Buffalo Heads, over 100 clad dollars and dozens of clad halves and quarters. In between those targets were various types of tokens (e.g. tax, transportation, Miss Kitty's, etc.), and foreign coins, along with rings and other items of jewelry. And to top that off, there were 10 prize tokens redeemable for 1-ounce, 1/2 ounce, and 1/10 ounce silver rounds and a variety of other goodies.

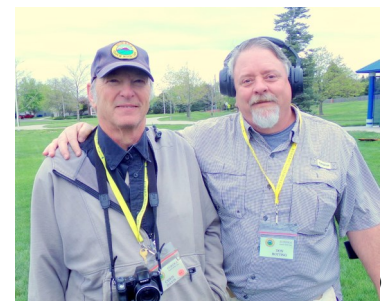


To make things even more interesting, there was a contest within the hunt whereby each hunter deposited a numbered golf ball into one of three buckets representing holes on a golf course that were spread around the hunt field. At the end of the hunt one ball was pulled from each bucket. Two winners

were awarded 1-ounce Pro Golf Hall of Fame silver rounds. The final bucket prize was a very nice set of headphones donated by **Don Botting**, owner of **Detecting Doodads Store** (www.detectingdoodads.com).



A great big thanks goes out to all those who helped to make this hunt happen. There were too many volunteers to remember, so apologies to anyone I miss. When not taking photo's, Bruce Morton, along with Chris Davis, helped lay out the hunt field and plant targets. Mary and Randy Sable, Jay and Jane



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Reed and others jumped in to plant as well. John Olson brought Eureka University, which was put to good use. Thanks to those who helped set up and tear down tables and carry the bunches of hunt-related equipment, food and drinks. And a thank you to Laura Bender for making a long trip to bring balloons for the golf ball buckets. Norm



Ruggles volunteered to help sell tip card chances for the 1-ounce silver round that was raffled and Jay Reed donated dozens of his hand-made probes with golf ball handles. Targets and prizes donated by Bruce

Morton, Don Botting, Ben Bravo and other anonymous donors were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to **Boots Lewis** for providing the **Spyderco** knife prize. But the big-



gest thanks goes out to the person

who checked in entrants, collected fees, issued the numbered golf balls and helped with all the drawings – Nancy Faires. And finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the hunt – I hope you enjoyed yourself!



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Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! merchandise

Finds ~ to share

Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Articles for *Soundoff*
- Assist at Club Hunts
- Cleanup after meetings
- Present a topic of interest to the club

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



UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Breakfast Club

2nd *Saturday*, June 15th, 2019

1st *Friday*, July 5th, 2019

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642** for place and time to meet or to get added to the email list.

Lulu's Bling Hunt

Sunday, June 23rd, 10:00 AM

Fee: \$25 (includes food)

Contact: Nancy Faires 720.234.6130

See flyer in this edition

Fifty Cent Hunt

Lazy Heart Ranch

Sunday, July 14th, Hunt 11:00 AM

Lunch to follow at 12:00 PM

Fee: \$20 (includes food)

Contact: Boots Lewis 303.941.6251

See preview in this edition

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 new merchandise available.

www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

Compilation of the best weekly metal detecting channels and finds, by Ken King (Eureka! member). See his **Weekly Dirt** show at 3:00 PM on Sundays (and available thereafter)

www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

A variety channel of metal detecting, coin hunting, and other outdoor activities by Tony Frangella (Eureka! member) with his son, Caden.



LULU'S BLING

Sunday June 23, 2019

10 AM – 2 PM

LAZY HEART RANCH

GOLDEN, CO

\$25 per member

LuLu's Bling is missing! Join Eureka! club members for a special, memorial hunt and find the Bling in honor of our friend, Louise Smyth.


HUNT FOOD BLING PRIZES COINS SILVER FUN

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Eureka! Breakfast Club

by
Chris Davis



Friday, May 3, 2019

It was yet another day in paradise. Happiness is swinging a coil! Eighteen Eureka! members attended the first Breakfast Club gathering in May. After breakfast we charged over to the Stenger Soccer Complex for our hunt. As one might expect on a soccer field, there were fewer targets, but this encouraged everyone to dig all targets, which is how you find gold.

As we had our
we did not get
I probably did
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hard, but we
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rings. Two were silver (Mike M. and
got a nice mood ring and a necklace.



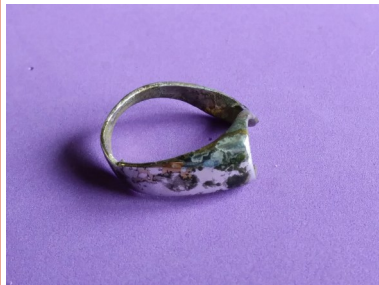
priority set on gold,
a great deal of change.

best on coins with only \$2.85 (if you kick out

Canadian coin Randy
Digging was a bit
still made some nice
group recovered 3
Randy S.). Linda K.
Two silver religious

medallions were picked up by Jeff M. and Jay R..
Jay also dug up an interesting "dog" tag. Jeff and

I found silver earrings,
but unfortunately, they



did not match.

I think our best find was the green frog Pete picked up.



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Saturday, May 18, 2019

Well, now that the weather has turned nicer, Breakfast Club turnout declined. Our members are so tough, they only like to go out when it is raining or snowing. Anyway, we still had 10 show up. After breakfast we decided to give Lakewood High School a try. Once, long ago, I found 2 gold rings there. Alas, no gold rings were found on this day. We did get two rings. Mike M. found a nice stainless steel. I recovered a kiddie ring. But...



a ring is a ring is a ring. Roy N. pulled up an earring. Jeff M. dug up an Army halftrack vehicle. Okay, it was a toy halftrack vehicle, but it was neat. Jeff also did best on change with \$4.85. Just another day in paradise.



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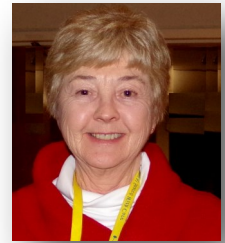
Next Club Meeting

**Second Friday of June 2019,
6:30 p.m. at the
Clement Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street
(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)
Lakewood, Colorado 80214
Hotline: (303) 595-5448
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Secretary's Report

by
Nancy Faires



Eureka! THC Club Meeting
Lakewood, CO
May 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday May 10th at the Clement Center, Lakewood, Colorado.

There were approximately 70 members and several guests present.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers and Board members

TREASURER'S REPORT – Linda Kibler

Membership **renewal dues** were overdue as of April 30th. A \$5 late fee is assessed after May 1st yearly.

New members do not pay the late fee.

SPEAKER: Ray Sumner, CSU (doctoral candidate): *Conflicts in Northern Colorado*

REPORTS

April Hunt – Tom Peeples 1040 Tax Relief Hunt April 14th Lake Arbor Park, Arvada, CO

30 participants – good hunt

May Hunt – Alan Bravo PGA Hunt May 19th 1 PM Robby Ferrufino Park, Arvada, CO \$20

Key Chain Contest – winners: Marty Stone and Linda Kibler

June Hunt - Nancy Faires – LuLu's Bling June 23rd \$25

We have a donation jar available for donations – donations will go to MS in honor of Louise Smyth.

Thank you to everyone who has donated.

Breakfast Club – Chris Davis – next outing, May 18th

1st Friday and 3rd Saturday monthly, weather dependent: provide your email to Chris if interested

HART – Loretto Heights – additional hunts are being approved and scheduled / special application / see Norm

Coin buy-back – we are buying gold coins and silver dimes – see Alan Bravo

Coin exchange - the Club has a surplus of silver half dollars: we will exchange them for five(5) silver dimes each currently.

In the event of a meeting cancelation, call the Club hotline, 303-595-5448, and/or watch for an email.

Only paid members can vote for FOM and participate in Club activities

Problem with hunt sign-ups: each hunt master provides a sign-up sheet to help plan coinage for our monthly hunts; if you sign up and do not show up or contact the hunt master, the club must “cover” the coinage planned; in the future, if you sign up and do not show up or contact the hunt master, you will be required to pay in advance each time you choose to sign up for a hunt.

FOM question: FOM entries must be entered with items found between the last meeting and the current meeting (Eureka! Member Handbook, page 10)



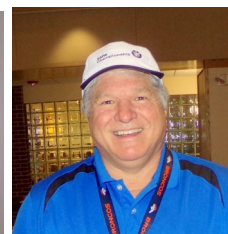
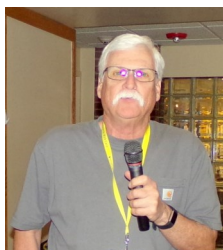
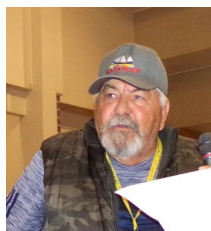
FINDS OF THE MONTH

Artifact – Jim Griffin

Jewelry – Win Faires

Gold – Randy Sable

Coin – Alan Bravo



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 Token – None entered

DRAWINGS

- 1839 Large cent – Alan Bravo
- 1891 Seated liberty dime – Brian Henry
- 1895 Barber quarter – Mike Magee
- 1982 S Proof set – Everett Johnston
- 1854 O Seated liberty half dollar – Bud Van Gundy
- 1927 Standing liberty quarter – Jay Reed
- 1852 Silver 3-cent – Randy Williamson
- 1833 Bust dime – Mike Magee
- 1833 Bust half dime – Sue Ruggles
- Dos peso – George Rowe
- 1926 D Peace dollar – Marcus Lieberman
- 1934 D Walking liberty half dollar – Mike Magee
- 2nd chances
- Gloves – Sue Ruggles
- Apron/coin pouch – Roy Neys
- Shadow t-shirt – Boots Lewis
- Knee pads – Burt Downie
- 50/50 – John Howe
- Membership – Jack Hoover
- Holiday, 1900 Morgan silver dollar – Steve Rex



Thank you to everyone who brought food, donated and assisted with the meeting tonight.

ADJOURN 9:24 PM

REMIINDERS

- May Hunt - May 19th Robby Ferrufino Park, Arvada
- Breakfast Club – May 18th Lookin’ Good Restaurant 9 AM
- June Hunt – June 23rd Lazy Heart Ranch Golden
- Donations accepted for June hunt / Multiple Sclerosis
- Breakfast Club – June 7th Lookin’ Good Restaurant 9 AM



PREVIEW

FIFTY CENT HUNT

July 14th, 2019

Lazy Heart Ranch (8191 Hwy 93)

Hunt at 11:00 am, Lunch at 12:00 pm



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The 50 cent hunt will have tokens, clad, 40% and 90% half dollars. Easy targets to find. Including any left overs from previous hunts. In addition there will be a gold coin drawing. There is a \$20.00 hunt fee. Lunch is included. Non-hunters will be considered volunteers and cooks.

Contact: Boots Lewis 303-941-6251





