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Breakfast Club Results

by Chris Davis

We held our first Breakfast Club in two months on Friday, May 15, 2020. Normally, our second BC of the month is held on the second Saturday of the month. Realizing that the parks are currently very crowded on weekdays, and would probably only be worse on weekends, the gathering was moved the hunt to that Friday.

Twelve individuals showed up for the hunt. We all met in the parking lot at Lookin' Good Restaurant. We were joined by Eric Ryland who had been a member in the past and has accompanied Jack and I to England. It was good to see him. It had been a while. Seeing as how we were not going to eat Breakfast, and weather was threatening in the afternoon, I moved the meet up time to 8:30. We maintained strict social distancing, even in the parking lot. Once at the park, George and Jeff showed us how to determine the proper separation distance with their detectors.



We traveled to Montbello Central Park for our hunt. Well, most of us, anyway. Mary S. went over to Ruby Hill. She said something about some of us needing to bathe more often... I do not know why she said that. I take a bath once a week whether I need it or not (Covid schedule.)



Anyway, we did quite well. Bruce did best in the "Large and Gaudy Ring" category with a very nice butterfly/"precious" stones ring. I was so jealous. Jeff M. and I tied for best find of



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the day. Jeff picked up two rings. One was a very nice silver ring (well, it would have been very nice if it hadn't been hit by a lawnmower), while I recovered a silver necklace. Actually, Jeff did a fine job of straightening the ring out. Roy, as usual, outran everyone in the change category with \$7.62. I came in a distant second with \$5.22 with Jeff nipping at my heels.

Oh



yes, I also found a ring. Granted, it was a cheap ring, but it was a ring. This makes my 11th consecutive hunt where I have found at least 1 ring. You will note, I cleverly do not tell you, of the last 11 rings I have recovered, 10 of them barely were good enough to be classified as "garbage".

Mary got a very pretty Baseball Coin over at Ruby Hill. I have never seen one like it.



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Eurekathc.org

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UPDATE JUNE 2020

The **June 12th club meeting**, will be held at **7:30 p.m. with remote attendance using Zoom.** **Instructions for using the Zoom App are being emailed to each club member.**

The Clements Center is unavailable for meetings through August, 2020.

Monthly club hunts, are still in limbo but may be available soon. This will be discussed at the above meeting; stay alert for updates.

Breakfast Club hunts have resumed, with appropriate restrictions [**see Prez Sez article.**]

As the status of the Covid-19 situation is in constant flux, stay alert to your emails and this publication for up to date information.

Contact Chris Davis or Nancy Faires if you are not on the Club email list or need to be informed in a different manner.

TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

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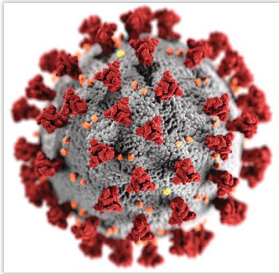
THE PREZ SEZ

by
Chris Davis



June, 2020

I hope everyone is still doing well in these trying times.



This Covid19 Pandemic is affecting everything and everybody. Times are a changing. And we are going to have to change with them.

BREAKFAST CLUB OUTINGS

You may have noticed we are starting up the Breakfast Club again, following State guidelines. You should have been receiving the group emails I send out. We held a B/C hunt on Friday, May 15 and will have another on Friday, June 5.

Normally, the second hunt of each month is held on the 3rd Saturday, but with park use already high a decision on what day will be decided on a month-to-month basis. We are currently meeting up at the Lookin' Good Restaurant Parking Lot, but this meet up location may change in the future also. I always send out a reminder email the day before, so be alert for changes.

Needless to say, we will skip the "breakfast" part and go straight to a park for a hunt.

If we have more than 10 people, we will split into groups of no more than 10 people and go to different parks. See the email for restrictions and requirements for participation.

MONTHLY CLUB HUNTS

We are currently prohibited from gatherings of more than 10 people, so until this Order is changed, we will be unable to hold our Monthly Club Hunts.

CLUB MEETING

I do not foresee us being able to meet at Clements for some time. One of the things we are going to try to do this month is to hold a Zoom Club Meeting. Our **Zoom remote Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 7:30 PM.**

I want to apologize up front. Holding a remote meeting by Zoom is going to be a learning experience for everybody. The first remote meeting will likely not go flawlessly. We have held 3 Zoom Board Meetings; two went smooth as silk and one was a disaster. We may experience similar problems with our larger group. But, hopefully, we will get a little more efficient every time we have one of these meetings. You will shortly receive an email with instructions on the use of Zoom.

For those of you, like me, who are computer illiterate, participating in a Test Zoom Meeting would undoubtedly be very helpful. Call Bruce (720-363-5869) or myself (303-660-6313). Alternate coaches, available only in the evening, are Nancy (303-368-1356) and Kevyn (303-931-9582). We will arrange your own special Zoom instructional meeting, and assist you with setting yourself up for remote meeting participation.

Please take advantage of this training unless you're already experienced with Zoom (it's painless, I promise).

During the meeting, you will be "muted" and not able to speak (host controlled). I will do most of the talking and periodically unmute individual participants for various reports or other contributions.

This Meeting will be a work in process. It is going to change as we go along.

We are not going to wait until everyone figures out how to log on and get their audio working. We only have 40 minutes for our meeting. Them who cannot get logged on, or get their audio working will be encouraged to call: Bruce, Kevyn, or myself (actually, my wife Rene) for help.

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For the free version of Zoom, we are limited to 40 minutes for our meeting. I do not think anyone wants to sit here for more than 40 minutes anyway, so we are going to try to streamline things as much as we can. If necessary, we can always start another meeting immediately after our first session gets closed out. We will play it by ear.

Oh yes! We plan to conduct the drawing for the Minelab Equinox metal detector at the Zoom Meeting!



RUSH TO THE ROCKIES

“The Motherlode”

June 26 – 28, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic, Rush to the Rockies 2020 is **CANCELED**.

Please watch the website, eurekathc.org, for **2021** information.



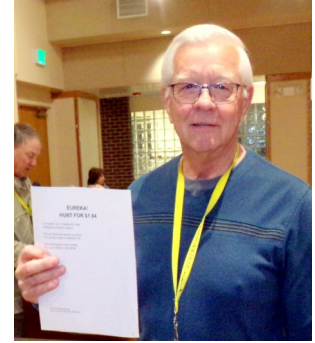
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From where I am, I'm hidden from view. Finding me is what you must do.

From our Parrott an azimuth you shoot, Then you'll be closer to finding the loot.

Get out and search, be an explorer. If you use a White's, I will yell 84!



by John Olson

Hundreds of papers you use, do it twice. What's left in your hands, you use as your sights.

Using your sights, along 963.
My hiding place, now you can see.

A silversmith with a more valued metal. And nearby waters is where I settle.

23 1/2 is where you must seek.
I hide in the ground, just 2 inches deep.

Stand on your head, check the clues throughout.
Dig easy to find me and Eureka you'll shout!

John just checked and yes, I'm still here.
If you hear running water, you know you are near.
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**THIS HUNT IS STILL ON!
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June						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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June 2020

5th - Newsletter Published

12th- General Meeting 7:30 p.m. (remote, via **Zoom**)

20th- Breakfast Club (with appropriate restrictions)

26th - Soundoff Deadline

Look for emailed instructions for joining the Zoom meeting. It provides a method for getting assistance/training if needed.

Watch the Soundoff and your email for updates of scheduled events in **JULY** and beyond.

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NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

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Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! merchandise
Finds ~ to share
Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

Friday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m.

A remote meeting will be held using the **Zoom** application. Check your email for instructions and take advantage of available training!

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Breakfast Club (modified version)

Saturday, June 20th

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642**

for details or to get added to the email list.

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

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

www.spreaker.com/admrr

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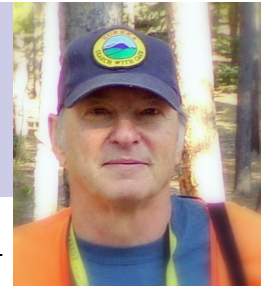
www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

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.

Lord of the Rings by Chris Davis



I made a metal detecting run a couple weeks ago on a park down in Douglas County. My last hit was a "penny VDI" target. I dug and instead of a penny, came up with a ring. The ring was a large tungsten carbide and had strange writing inscribed both on inside and on the outside. I thought maybe it was Indian or Arabic. It was definitely not Arabic as they put in a lot more dots. I looked up Indian on the computer and was dismayed to discover there are only 27 different dialects in India. Oh well.



The wife came home, took one look and immediately knew what language it was. She could even translate it. **"One ring to rule them all. One ring to find them. One ring to bring them all. And in the darkness, bind them"**. The inscription was written in Elvish. Anybody with half a brain should have known that (which leaves me out). It never ceases to amaze me the amount of worthless trivia floating around in my wife's head... as opposed to absolutely nothing floating around in

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my head.

All this nonsense comes from the book, *The Lord of the Rings*. Apparently, I have found the one true ring, "My Precious". I will be okay as long as I do not put it on. Rene tells me the only way I can destroy the ring is to climb up Mount Doom and throw it into the volcano. Maybe I will, if I ever get over that way; whichever way that is. Until that time, I can truthfully proclaim, "I AM LORD OF THE RINGS (and suffering from dementia and delusions of grandeur.)"

For those of you unwashed individuals who are not familiar with *The Lord of the Rings*, I include a movie critique below I wrote on the subject way back in 2002.

The Lord of the Rings
A movie critique by James C. Davis
13 August 2002

I tried to read the book, *The Lord of the Rings*, but there were so many detailed definitions and mythical terminology, it made my head hurt. I never made it past the first chapter. And I like to read. The book just required too much effort. If I wanted to learn a new language I would have studied Japanese or Mayan. So, I watched the movie instead and hoped for the best.

The movie started off with a visit to Hobbitville by the Region Sorcerer, Gorfinkle. He went to visit his old friend, Dildo. Dildo was a Hobbit. Hobbits are short and have big hairy feet. Apparently, in the last episode, Dildo stole a magic ring from some grungy monster what lived in a cave. This movie starts some 60 years later with little explanation as to past exploits. Duh.

After a brief chat with Gorfinkle, Dildo decides it is time to leave town and gives the ring to Frilido. Frilido, also a Hobbit, is short and has big hairy feet. The ring in question was created by some evil sorcerer a long time ago and makes you invisible to Hobbits/Elves/Humans when you put it on. Unfortunately, when you put it on it also attracts bad guys, so you are supposed to never put it on. Makes sense, huh?

Anyway, the friendly sorcerer, Gorfinkle, advises Frilido he had better get out of town quick because there were 8 or 9 big sinister bad dudes on black horses out looking for him what wanted to carve his liver out and steal the ring. So, Frilido exits the town in the company of 3 other Hobbits who, surprisingly enough, also have big hairy feet.

The plot of the story is rather predictable and typical. The evil forces want to get the evil ring and rule the world. Hey, there is an original idea. The good guys wander around the woods/caves/mountains being chased by evil villains and monsters while being befriended by various Elves, Dwarves and Humans.

How shall I put this delicately? Well, the end of the movie sucked. That is sugar coating it about as much as I can. The good guys climbed a mountain, looked toward the evil mountain where they plan to go to destroy the evil ring, and that was it. Just like halting for a commercial "...to be continued....in a year". What is more amazing is crowd of people actually paid money to see this movie and appear to be stupid enough to see Parts III, IV, V, etc., scheduled to come out in yearly intervals for the rest of our lives. Only in America.

I heartily recommend this movie/book to everyone with an IQ lower than 10. This should cover some 90% of the American population. But, as my dear old sainted mother always said, "Everyone is entitled to their own stupid opinion".

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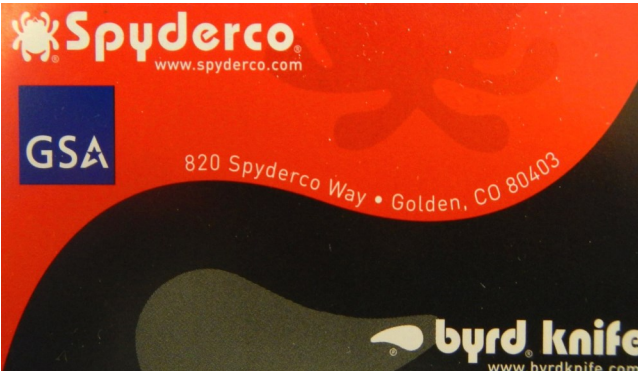


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Next Club Meeting
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be held remotely via the
Zoom application.
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meeting are being emailed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Author's reply:

I appreciate our friend Jim Merritt's "Letter to the Editor" in the May *Soundoff*. It was a response to my article in the April *Soundoff* titled **To Dig or Not to Dig (a Penny)**.

Jim has provided further evidence and logic as to why it's not worth the time and effort to dig pennies. The list in his letter showing potentially valuable pennies is a list of very old rarities that a normal detectorist wouldn't dig up in a lifetime of detecting. The only place to find those long bygone beauties is in a coin shop.

I am more and more convinced that it's not worthwhile to dig pennies. It makes more sense to use our limited time and effort, and to protect our backs and knees, searching for better coins, jewelry and other treasures. - NR

Editor's Note:

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