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# About *Soundoff*

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**Next Club Meeting**  
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Drawing tickets are \$1 each, take a chance.



*Spyderco Token*

## Joining Eureka! Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to [Eurekatlc.com](http://Eurekatlc.com) and download and complete the application form. Membership dues can be paid to the treasurer at the regular meetings.



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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.



# LuLubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

By  
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.

^E3^ 55G^E 03^^0! 0X0X?0!0! 5^  
0!40G3G! ^5 5^G4! 4G 303^E 03! 5 ^5  
!0!^ ^E! 5!0!03G! 55 30!04G5 ^E!  
5^3^!5 040!^ 5^E 303^E G40!^5  
3G 04!0!555 ^E!0! 5^ 5G0 5G! ^E4^  
?0!4G 5^E ^E! 0!^!0 5^ ^E!0! 5^  
G5 ^035! 3G ^E3^ 0045!0555 ?X^ ^E!0!  
5!0! ^5 ?0X! ^30! ^53G!^5 ^E! 05^  
E!0 ?03G! ^53G!3G! 5G 5G!5

**Last month's solution:**  
this month little lulubelle learning how to navigate by the stars using the north star. finding a park with that same name in thornton. she joined in a baseball game but while pitching she lost her bling.

**Park:** North Star Park, approx. 88th & I-25  
**Prize:** 5 golden dollar coins, sponsored by Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors. Louise added last month's prize also since that Bling was not found.



# Look Who's Joining the Fun

By  
John Cornelisse



Joining Eureka THC at the June meeting are Jack and Cynthia Hoover from Littleton. Jack is an oil and gas geologist, and besides metal detecting, he is an avid toy train collector in S, O, and standard gauges. They have lived in the metro area since 1967. To get hold of Jack and Cynthia, call them at 303 795-8996 or email them at [scorpio.7@comcast.net](mailto:scorpio.7@comcast.net). Welcome to Eureka!!



Cassie Krehbiel, with her spouse Randy, also joined Eureka THC at the June meeting. They make their home in Erie. Cassie owns a business called Thread Consignments with three locations, Greeley, Broomfield, and Lafayette, selling high end women's clothing and accessories. Cassie got her start metal detecting in Florida about five years ago at her brother's urging and has been hooked ever since. She has three married children and is expecting two grandchildren soon. This talented lady is also a sign language interpreter for the deaf. Cassie hunts with a Garrett AT Pro. Her phone number is 303 525-5905 and email is [codak@mesanetworks.net](mailto:codak@mesanetworks.net). Welcome to Eureka!!



**EUREKA! HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2014**



## The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson

Let's start with a big thanks to the Lewis family for letting us put on a great hunt at their ranch, and to the many people that helped. Without them we could not have had such a fun hunt. The pig roast was fantastic. The weather was great and there was a lot of silver in the ground. What more could a person ask for?



Charlotte Steele and Jane Reed

I hope you enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> and I look forward to seeing all the stuff found after the celebration, please bring them to the next meeting.

How do you feel the day after detecting? I know that sometimes the after affects of a long day of hunting can be sore muscles and an aching back. July's speaker will be giving us some advice on how to get more out of our hobby by taking better care of ourselves with a little stretching and warm up. Think of it as a little preventative maintenance for your body. I know several of you took up the hobby for a little exercise and to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

I am looking forward to the July Beach Hunt. It will be full of items typically found while beach hunting in places like Florida, California, and Mexico. Bring your sunscreen and beach apparel for a fun-filled day.

Happy hunting, Ron



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**Eureka! Breakfast Club:** The Eureka! Breakfast Club will meet the First Friday and the Third Saturday every month. Everyone is invited!

Contact Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504 if you are interested in meeting for breakfast and then going out metal detecting with other club members.



Chris Davis reported:

The Eureka Breakfast Club made yet another run. Present was Jim Merritt, Bill Abercrombie, Mary and Randy Sable, Win Faires, John Cornelisse, and Chris Davis. After coffee and breakfast at the Sunrise-Sunset, the first stop was at the Weaver Hollow Park. This is a fairly small park composed of a playground and a soccer field complex. No jewelry was found, but coins were abundant enough to keep everyone busy. One searcher found an impressive electronic cigarette. Everyone used probes and pin pointers to avoid damaging the turf. The second stop was at the Kendallvac Elementary School. This complex had 2 large gravel playgrounds, a large field and a baseball diamond. A number of coins were found before lightning ran everyone off. Overall, it was a very nice day. Not too hot, not too cold and everyone had a good time.



**GOLD CATEGORY**

Jeff Lubbert ..... 14K Ring 14 Diamonds  
 Charlie Fulton ..... Child's 10K Ring  
 Ron Norden ..... 10K Black Hills Ring  
**Ron Norden ..... 14K Men's Diamond Ring**

**JEWELRY CATEGORY**

Ron Norden ..... Silver Ring  
 Ron Norden ..... Small Silver Ring  
 Ron Norden ..... Silver Bracelet  
 Glen Thompson ..... Silver Necklace  
 Tonette Romero ..... Silver Charm  
 Tom Conroy ..... Silver Ring  
 Chris Davis ..... Alyssa Name Ring  
 Chris Davis ..... Tungsten Wedding Band  
 Chris Davis ..... Titanium Wedding Band  
 Terry Weatherly ..... Silver Pendant  
**Chuck Hedberg ..... Bull Durham Pendant**

**COIN CATEGORY**

Chuck Hedberg ..... 1906 V Nickel  
 Alan Bravo ..... 1891 Indian Head Cent  
 Charlie Fulton ..... 1945 India Silver 1/2 Rupee  
 Charlie Fulton ..... Small Ancient Bronze Coin  
 Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1901 O Morgan Silver Dollar  
**John Steele ..... 1798 Large Cent**

**TOKEN CATEGORY**

Alan Bravo ..... Denver Tramway Special Token  
 Tonette Romero ..... Menter Clothing / \$1 off \$10  
**Cindy Bockenstedt ..... Cash Producers Grocery Store, 5¢**

**ARTIFACT CATEGORY**

Laura Lewis ..... Three Piece "S" Button  
 Ron Roberson ..... Copper Shower Curtain Ring  
 Chuck Hedberg ..... Lone Ranger Pin  
 Linda Erickson ..... 1921-1922 Denver Dog Tag  
 Alan Bravo ..... Denver Tramway Button  
 Tonette Romero ..... Match Box Police Car  
 Tonette Romero ..... Glass Iron Candy Dish  
 Tonette Romero ..... Royal Crown Bottle  
**Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1896 Leadville Crystal Carnival Badge**

**FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES**

**Gold:** natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item.

**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 (includes gold coins of any nation).

**Token:** a piece resembling a coin issued as money by some person or body not of a governmental authority; can be redeemed for services or specified items.

**Artifact:** simple object showing human workmanship or modification.



## Find of the Month Winners - June

**GOLD - Ron Norden**

**14K Men's Diamond Ring**



Ron dug this nice diamond (3/8 to 1/2 ctw) set in 14K gold at a ball park. He was using a Bigfoot coil on his White's DFX.

**JEWELRY - Chuck Hedberg**

**Bull Durham Pendant**

Chuck got permission to swing on a house set for demo, with 2 more still open to hunt. He found this bull pendant while using his AT PRO with a DD coil. Chuck says, "Good Luck Swinging".



**ARTIFACT - Cindy Bockenstedt**

**1896 Leadville Crystal Carnival**



Cindy found this ore bucket shaped souvenir badge, that shows the Ice Castle built for the 1896 Carnival on its reverse, at a construction site with her White's MXT.

**TOKEN - Cindy Bockenstedt**

**Cash Process Grocery Store**



The owners of an 1888 house were doing a major remodel and gave Cindy permission to hunt the floor area when only the walls were left. This small token was so crusty she thought it was an Indian Head Cent and it rung up like one on her White's MXT equipped with a small coil. Token reads "Pat. Jun. 1909".

**COIN - John Steele**

**1798 Large Cent**



Using his White's V3i with a large 12x16 inch coil, John found this beautiful large cent in a Vermont corn field about a foot deep.

## Upcoming 2014 Events

### JULY 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.

Post 4th of July Finds - to show just for fun.

### UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

July 13, 2014 12:30pm

Beach Hunt

\$10

Chery Creek where it crosses

S. Holly St.

Contact: Ron Erickson

July 19, 2014

Breakfast Club

Contact: Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504 to find out what time and where to meet.

Aug 8, 2014

General Club Meeting

Swap Meet/Garage Sale

Aug. 10, 2014

Wildlife Hunt

Bear Creek Park, Skunk Hollow Picnic Area

BBQ/Potluck

Contact: John Hinton

### SHOWS TO SEE

**Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado Show**

July 12, 2014

National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum Convention Center

117 10th Street

Leadville, CO

9am - 4pm, \$3

Antiques, Bottles, Paper, Glassware, Collectibles

Contact :Barb & Jim Sundquist 303 674-4658

### UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

July: Dr. Michael Varnay, safe body movements, stretching, avoiding injury while detecting.

Aug: Bill Chapman will continue the training series and talk about coil selection.

### SHOW & TELL

Bring your post 4th of July Festivities finds to show at the July Meeting. What can you find?

### LINKED WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk

[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org) Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

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

Relic Roundup Radio show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert 7pm Mondays), and blog.

# 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.



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**FOOD. FUNDS AND FUN!**



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Food at 12:30 p.m.—Hunt at 1:30 p.m.

\$10

On the sands of Cherry Creek at the inter-  
section of Holly and Cherry Creek across  
from Garland Park

# Eureka! Club Members Service Directory

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**June 13, 2014**

President Ron Erickson welcomed everyone. Officers and Board members were introduced. There were approximately 70 members present including several guests and new members.

Ron presented the Treasurer's report.

Ron checked in with Angie at the City of Westminster regarding permits. She stated that many have come in to obtain a permit and things are going well. Angie said that we are good ambassadors.

The Club is selling tickets for a chance to win a gold coin tonight. Tickets are \$5 each. Ron Erickson won the coin.



There is no speaker tonight – we will have an open forum for anyone to talk about detecting experiences. Several members talked about trips they have made elsewhere to hunt, their finds, night hunting, different detectors, grid searching, and how to choose an area to hunt.

The question of how to find out where you can detect came up in the discussions: always check with the city / town you plan to detect for their regulations first, ask permission if on private land, patrol parks before

## Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires

you detect and watch where the majority of activity takes place, and check with detecting clubs elsewhere before arriving in order to know where you can detect in the area.

**Space Hunt** – May 10 - Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden – Boots Lewis

There were 35 participants searching for meteorites and other finds including a gold coin which was not found.

Boots Lewis found the Spyderco token. He received a Spyderco knife and donated it as a prize for the Holiday Party in December. Thanks to Spyderco and Boots Lewis for sponsoring the Spyderco hunt each month.

### **Fun Hunt**

The next fun hunts will be June 29th, Utah Park in Aurora and July 4th, Clement Park in Littleton. Both hunts will begin at 8 AM.

**Breakfast Club** – Bill Abercrombie and Nancy Faires

The Breakfast Club attracts several members. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month. The next meeting will be Saturday June 21 – meet at Lookin' Good Restaurant, Lakewood at 9 AM with a hunt to follow. Bring your finds to show and discuss.

We may need to have different groups

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meeting and detecting in other areas of town to accommodate everyone. Ideas and suggestions are appreciated.

**July Beach Hunt** – to be announced – Ron Erickson

This hunt will feature items you would normally find on a beach. The location will be announced in the **Soundoff** July newsletter.

John Steele is planning a **Ski** hunt in July. More information will be provided later.

**Lulu's Bling** – sponsored by Louise Smyth / Gold-N-Detectors

Tonette Romero found the Bling at Northstar Park, Thornton. She received 5 golden dollars and a mercury dime.

Thank you Louise and Gold-N-Detectors for sponsoring this hunt.

**Silver Bonanza Hunt and Pig Roast** – June 15 – Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden

There are currently 3 members signed up and paid for the Silver Bonanza.

Members planning to attend should sign up and pay the \$100 fee tonight. Those wanting to eat only need to sign up and pay \$10 per person. Anyone volunteering to help with the hunt and planting can eat free. We will meet Saturday afternoon at the ranch. Your help is appreciated.

Bring chairs, sun block and bug spray.

#### **General Drawing**

Dos peso – Jeff Lubbert

John Levin \$1 token – Boots Lewis

1886 Morgan silver dollar – Kirk Branson

1850 Large cent – Brian Henry

1944 Walking liberty half dollar – Ron Graves

1912 Barber dime – Jeff Lubbert

1841 O seated dime – Pat Lucero

1864 2 cent piece – John Hinton

1858 Flying 1 cent piece – Cassie Krehbiel

1872 Half dime – John Cornellise

Barber quarter – Jeff Lubbert

1858 3 cent piece – Bernie Watts

#### **Membership Drawing**

Silver dime – Gary Porter

#### **Just For Fun Newsletter Clue**

Silver dime – Cindy Bockenstedt

#### **Finds of the Month** – awarded silver dimes

Gold – Ron Norden

Coin – John Steele

Token – Cindy Bockenstedt

Artifact – Cindy Bockenstedt

Jewelry – Chuck Hedberg

Thanks to everyone who brought food to-night.

John Steele requested that anyone who signed up to help with requests to help find “things” to call him with your information.

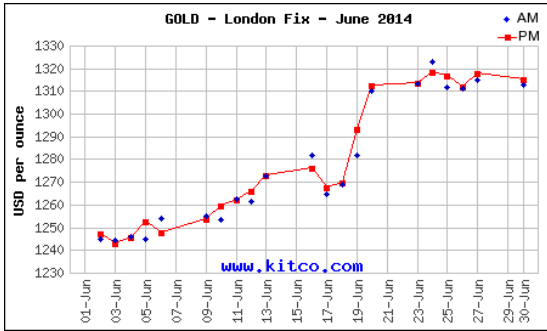
Ideas and suggestions for future hunts are appreciated.



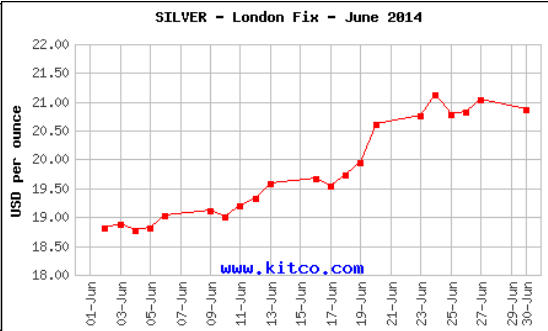
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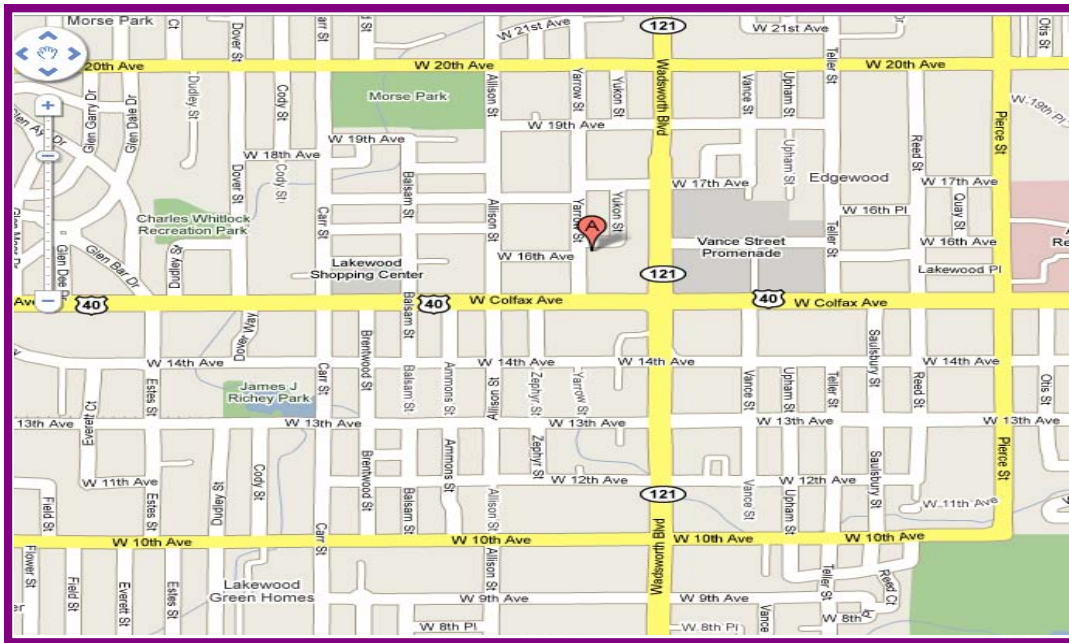
### Gold Prices



### Silver Prices



Eureka! 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 (near Wadsworth & Colfax).



# The Big June Silver Bonanza Hunt and BBQ

By Jeff Lubbert

The planning for the big June hunt began several months ago by the board of directors. Nobody really stepped up to take control of the hunt but all of the board members contributed to its planning. I was actually surprised that the hunt took place. Up until the meeting before the hunt, we had only four people that committed to participating in it. Luckily during the meeting we had a surge in participants and we ended up with just over 20 hunters that signed up and paid.

The Saturday prior to the hunt the hunt field was laid out, and the targets planted. Van Romero, Ron & Mary Norton, Bernie Watts, and Ron & Linda Erickson planted the hunt field with silver dimes, quarters and half dollars. Eighteen silver half dollars, a multitude of silver quarters and a whole bunch of silver dimes were also planted. The only non-silver target that was planted was the Spyderco token. This token was a nickel with a Spyderco emblem glued to it. Some cleanup and set up of tables in the bunkhouse also took place that afternoon. The horses and Laura's chickens kept an eye on the hunt field making sure that no "funny business" happened.



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I had several things going on Saturday so I was unable to assist in the Saturday afternoon preparations. But I did arrive at the Lazy Heart Ranch around midnight Saturday night/ Sunday morning to help with the pig. Around 1:30 we headed out to pull the pig out of the cooler and take it down to the roaster. We filled the roaster with coals and lit the fire and then prepped the pig while we waited for the coals to burn down. Every couple of hours Boots, Laura and I were out to check the temperature of the roaster and add coals.

By morning the pig was looking good and seemed to be a bit ahead of schedule. Soon Eureka members were showing up. The canopies were set up, tables were placed, and side dishes & drinks were placed in coolers. We ended up getting another participant so Linda and her mother Ruby went out to the hunt field to plant more targets. The hunt cost each participant \$100 and for each entry we put \$100 worth of silver in the ground. We held drawings to pay for the hog roast. Those that didn't hunt but wanted to enjoy the roast and camaradery of this event paid \$10.

The hunt started at 10:30 after quick instructions from Ron. Due to the number of participants the hunt field was about half of some of our previous hunts at this site. The floods from last fall had altered the terrain a bit and the lack of cattle made for taller grass within the hunt field. Upon the start of the hunt, members were making their way across the hunt



field and the targets were coming out of the ground at a rapid rate. Nearly half way through the hunt I came across an area that held a few dimes and a quarter. There was another target that didn't read silver but screamed at me to be dug out. When I pulled that target out I found it to be the Spyderco token. Soon the target retrieval slowed down but you could find pockets that contained a few targets. I must tell you, that taller grass made for some interesting coil swinging. I bet that the better share of our hunters had sore shoulders the next few days.

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Soon enough it was time to call the hunters in from the field and start the lunch. Nancy & Win Faires, Jay & Jane Reed, Charlotte Steele, Mary Norden, Sharon Harkins and other volunteers (sorry I missed some of you) set up the side dishes. Boots, his father Marvin and I started cutting up the hog and filling up pans of delicious pork. Soon enough all the people had their share of food and the clean-up began. It was great to see all the help as everybody helped clean-up and put things away. We gathered all the hunters to see if all of the half



dollars were found and take photos of the amount of silver that the hunters had recovered. We did manage to recover all of the half dollars and the amount of silver on the table was impressive.

After the clean-up the hunters were allowed back into the hunt field to do some more hunting. Targets weren't plentiful, but there was still enough to make it worthwhile. I heard Bernie ended up with an additional 30 dimes from this second go round. I got to see Devon pull out a quarter just feet from me and in an area that I thought I had hit fairly well and managed to pull four or five dimes out of. Well done Devon!



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I didn't hear a single complaint from any of the hunters or those that just had the meal. So I must say that the hunt was a success. It would have been nice to have more participants. But I can tell you that there was plenty of fun had by those that did participate or at least joined in on the day.





Dr Michael Varnay will be the speaker at our July Meeting. Now is a great time to focus on health and safe moments for the next month and onward. We all want to be able to enjoy our life and our hobby for years to come. As a group, we share similar passions and we can motivate each other. So be healthy and continue having fun! You can contact Dr. Varnay at [drmike@vchiropractic.com](mailto:drmike@vchiropractic.com)

### THE CLUE

Find the answer in the newsletter to *The Clue* to have your chance to win at the next Eureka! meeting.

Who collects toy trains as well as metal detects?

Last month's answer: Bring finds found after 4th of July celebrations.



#### City Of Westminster

At the present time is asking people to get a permit to metal detect . Permits are good for 3 months. See Angie 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.

**Wheatridge** requires permits to metal detect in their city. **No hunting is allowed October through March.** They are accepting permit applications which will allow metal detecting April 1 - September 30, 2014.



## 2014 CALENDAR

### July

4th - Newsletter Published  
4th - NO Breakfast Club  
4th - Clement Park Fun Hunt 8:00am  
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
13th - Beach Hunt 12:30  
19th - Breakfast Club  
25th - Soundoff Deadline

### August

1st - Breakfast Club  
1st - Newsletter Published  
6th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
8th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
10th - Wildlife Hunt  
16th - Breakfast Club  
29th - Soundoff Deadline

### September

5th - Breakfast Club  
5th - Newsletter Published  
10th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
12th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
14th - Coinhuna !!  
20th - Breakfast Club  
26th - Soundoff Deadline

### October

3rd - Breakfast Club  
3rd - Newsletter Published  
8th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
10th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
12th - Club Hunt  
18th - Breakfast Club  
31st - Soundoff Deadline

### November

7th - Breakfast Club  
7th - Newsletter Published  
12th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
14th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
15th - Breakfast Club  
16th - Club Hunt  
28th - Soundoff Deadline

### December

5th - Breakfast Club  
5th - Newsletter Published  
10th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
12th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
20th - Breakfast Club  
26th - Soundoff Deadline  
14th - Christmas Dinner/White Elephant



*That's all  
this month  
- find some-  
thing good!*