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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 are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for a Junior membership. Pro-rated dues may be paid by any member joining the club after the August 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., on the second floor of the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado.

Next Club Meeting
2nd Friday, August 7:30 p.m.
at the
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Colorado
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Cover art: A collage of find of the month entries with the winners in color overtop of a photo of participants in the Blue and Gray hunt held in July.

The Blue and Gray Hunt

By Jeff Lubbert

First off let me apologize, this is going to be a short article due to time constraints.

Planning for this hunt began several months ago, Ron and Linda went to a Civil War show and purchased a multitude of the targets. I spent several hours on-line searching for items that would make for good targets, sending emails and making phone calls. Linda also sent several emails and worked

some of her contacts in order to gather quality targets. She also spent several hours setting up the caterer and getting Sven, the re-enactor, lined up.

When it came time to plant the targets Boots and Laura were great help. We wish to thank them for letting us use their ranch for this hunt.

The day of the hunt came around and the weather gods were smiling on us. Pop-ups started appearing as club members arrived. Sven, our re-enactor, soon arrived and began setting up his display. And the caterer arrived and setup as well. The smell of the sausages cooking was WONDERFUL.

After Sven's talk and lunch Ron set off the cannon to start the hunt. Our hunters started scurrying around the hunt field and targets began to be recovered. Special "tokens" were planted for better items that we didn't want to plant. After an hour and a half we took a break and gave out the prizes for the tokens. Only one token hadn't been found, for that item we will have a drawing from all that participated in the hunt. So even though my not have found a token you may get a great prize yet.

The weather started to look "iffy" so we decided to break camp and put the pop-ups away. Hunters were allowed back into the fields and hunt some more if they desired, which the better share of the hunters decided to do.

From what I heard, everybody had a good time and some cool items were recovered. If you enjoyed the hunt, let Ron and Linda know.

Photos of the hunt can be found on pages 24 – 26.

Secretary's Report

July 13, 2012

President Ron Erickson called the July meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 67 members present and several guests, including **Lori Rohan, Andy Roake, and Nyal Brown.**

John Steinle, a Civil War re-enactor, was the guest speaker. He brought with him much of the personal gear a soldier would carry into battle. His detailed descriptions of battles and the life a soldier made the Civil War come back to life.

Thanks to Boots Lewis and his parents, the Club had a great hunt on their ranch. Ron Erickson and helpers planted dozens of authentic Civil War artifacts - buttons, bullets and period coins. Hunters even had a catered lunch. It was definitely the big hunt of the year, and the food was great.

August's hunt will be a tour of the Phoenix Gold Mine in Idaho Springs. Don't forget to bring your detector. Lunch will be at Beau Jo's Pizza. Look for more info in this newsletter.

Please remember to take out of the hunt field any trash you recover, do not bury it again. In fact, take a photo of the trash, include the park's sign in the photo and send the photo to Jeff Lubbert, coindigr@hotmail.com. Photos, like this, can serve as evidence of metal detecting's contribution to the community

Metal detecting is now permitted in Wheat Ridge. A permit is required. Go to <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=3558> for the application and rules/regulations.

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks for the meeting.

Don't forget, any member can write an

article or forward an Internet/magazine article (with credit to the author/publisher) to Jeff Lubbert, coindigr@hotmail.com, for this newsletter. Also, if you have any suggestions, talk with a board member.

Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

No one found July's bling.

General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.3 gr) Nyal Brown

Christmas Drawing
(Crystallized Silver Specimen) Roy Neyes

General Drawing

2005 Proof Quarter Chuck Saunders

1875 Seated Half Dollar Jay Reed

1875 Seated Liberty Quarter Joe Carter

1964 Silver Quarter Robby Sterling

1942 Proof Nickel Jason Hays

1832 Busted Half Dollar Boots Lewis

2 Dos Peso Jason Hays

1897 Indian Head Penny Jason Hays

1858 Seated Liberty Quarter Jane Reed

Shield Nickel Bill Chapman

Last Chance Drawing

Minelab Cap Ron Erickson

Civil War in Pictures Jim Parriot

Confederate Belt Buckle Fran Espinoza

The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson



August Prez says

A big thank you to all who helped put on last month's hunt. We had a lot of help with planting, purchasing, set up and tear down. One thing I learned after looking at some of the items left in the scrap pile is that we need to improve our training on what the artifacts are. With that in mind, we would like you to bring your finds from the Blue and Gray hunt to the next meeting so we can help you identify them if you don't know what they are.

With all this heat we are having, I sure am glad we are headed to the hills for the August mine tour and hunt. Cindy has put together a full day of hunting and exploring that should be a lot of fun. Please read about it in this newsletter or pick up a flyer at the August meeting.

Our guest speaker in August is Preethie Burkholder, author of "Ghost Towns of the Rockies." It should be an interesting presentation and she'll have copies of her book for sale.

John and Roy arranged to get a pop up canopy for the Globe Ville rec center and it sounds like they were really appreciative and I look forward to hearing about it. Thanks to all that helped raise the money to make this possible.

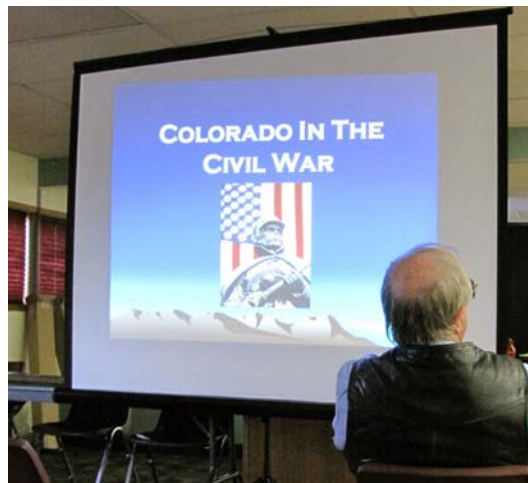
Happy hunting,
Ron



John Steidle our guest speaker



Some of the items John brought to show.



One of the slides John used during his talk to our club.

LuLubelle's Lost Bling

Treasure Puzzle

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cypher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each character in the message with a letter of the alphabet. Every time a particular character occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code letter. Word spacing and punctuation are not changed.

Some people like to solve cryptograms much like some people like to do crossword puzzles. The cryptogram is solved by looking for frequently used characters and clues provided by letter patterns and word spacing. Solve the cryptogram shown below, find LuLu's bling and bring it to the next regular Eureka! meeting to collect a prize.

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GOLD CATEGORY

Kimberly Bryant.....	Gold Nugget Ring
Kimberly Bryant.....	Diamond Ring
Robby Sterling.....	Gold Necklace
John Hinton.....	Heart Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Ron Dunsmore.....	Silver Ring
John Cornelisse.....	Silver Ring
Robby Sterling.....	Gold Plated Bracelet
John Hinton.....	Silver Button Cover
John Hinton.....	Silver Ring w/ Indian
Ron Norden.....	Marc Ecko Rhinestone Watch

COIN CATEGORY

Robby Sterling.....	1898 V-Nickel
Kimberly Bryant.....	2004 Barbados 5 Cents
John Hinton.....	1940-D Mercury Dime
Bryan Heber.....	1879-CC Morgan Dollar

TOKEN CATEGORY

Robby Sterling.....	RTD
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ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Jeff Lubbert.....	Suspender Buckle
Robby Sterling.....	1948 Colorado License Plate
John Hinton.....	3"x3 1/2" Picture Frame
Bill Ambercrombie.....	Pistol Bullet
Bill Ambercrombie.....	Large Caliber Rifle Bullet
John Cornelisse.....	M1909 US Cavalry Bridal Rosette

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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.

Finds of the Month Winners - June

GOLD - John Hinton

10 kt Ladies Heart Ring



John was using his Whites Beach Hunter ID at Cherry Creek Reservoir when found this nice little ring.

TOKEN – Robby Sterling

RTD Token



Robby was detecting Sunset Park with his Garrett Ace 350 when he found this RTD token. It was in the grass roots under a tree.

JEWELRY - Ron Norden

Mark Ecko Rhinestone Watch



Ron was hunting at Platte Park in the wood shavings when he spotted this watch sitting under a tree. It just goes to show a good treasure hunter doesn't need a detector to make a quality find.

ARTIFACT - John Cornelisse

M1909 Bridal Rosette



John was using his Whites MXT Pro equipped with a 6x10 DD coil in South West Missouri camping area when he found this US cavalry bridal rosette. The rosette was 5-6" down at the base of a tree. A good detector, never leave home without one!

COIN - Brian Heber

1879-CC Morgan Silver Dollar



Brian was detecting a ghost town in South Park with his V3i when he found this GREAT coin at a depth of 5-6 inches. Brian credits research for this recovery;

also recovered that day was a Barber dime, a two-cent piece, a seated half dollar, and two saloon tokens. Well done Brian!!

Finders of the Month



Early Start

Co-authored by

John Cornelisse and Sharon Harkins

In the spring of 2010, Sharon and I took a road trip to visit my brother and his family in Ozark, Missouri. My brother Bob's daughter, Kendra, has a son whose name is Payton who at that time was about six years old. Payton knew I metal detected and always wanted to go out with me and "hunt treasure". One late afternoon while the family gathered at Bob's house, I suggested we seed the front yard with coins and let Payton try to find them. We gathered enough dimes and pennies and I hid them in the grass of the small front yard. The hunt never took place as Payton could be a rascal at times and his mother sent him to his room for the rest of the evening. I set up the detector and went to the yard and found all the coins plus a few more pennies that had been lost there. So much for that idea and effort...

Rolling forward to June of 2012 brought another road trip to Missouri. After several days of sightseeing Wilson Creek Battleground and Fantastic Caverns, we were at my brother's daughter's new home in Nixa, just south of Springfield when Payton now 8 years old and his brother Luke age 5 said they wanted to go find treasure. I inquired with the family about where some old schools and parks might be and made notes. My brother, Bob, and I loaded kids and detector in the car and headed for a school that used to be the high school and is now being used as a middle school. We arrived with the two excited boys in tow, barely able to assemble the MXT detector which was in a travel case. I decided to give Payton a probe and let Luke try to locate with the Garret

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TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- **I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.**
- **I WILL fill all excavations.**
- **I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.**
- **I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.**
- **I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.**
- **I WILL leave gates as found.**
- **I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.**
- **I WILL NOT litter.**
- **I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.**
- **I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.**



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pin pointer. Things around the school building went slowly, not finding much more than a couple of pennies and pull tabs. I was starting to get concerned that this outing was going to turn out to be a bust for the kids. Then we went around to the back of the building where there was a ball field so we headed in that direction and, ... bam ... a signal just as we got on the grass, helping the boys with locating and probing, out comes a silver ring. The excitement was overwhelming. We covered the field for 45 minutes or so, finding a few pennies and dimes. I suggested to Bob that maybe we should go to a park where we might have more luck. So we got in the car and found a Nixa city park. With the excited boys whirling around the detector, ready to pounce on a signal, we found a few more coins which kept the two boys interested and excited. We decided to go across the parking area to a grassy lot over by some bleachers - another dime/quarter signal came through my headphones telling the two boys where to look. I was almost as excited as they as we unearthed another men's silver band. Time was up as we were to meet the rest of the family at a pizza restaurant at 5:30 pm. By that time the boys had divied up their treasure with Payton absconding the two rings and Luke getting the change. The rest of the family arrived at the restaurant and as they got out of their cars, Payton proudly showed them a ring on each hand. What a find!! After dinner we all met back at Kendra's house in Nixa where we relaxed for a short time. Kendra's interest in her sons' metal detecting was stirred and she suggested we take the boys out again to another school. She and the two boys, Payton and Luke got into the car and in a few minutes we were at another school. It

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Eureka! Treasure Hunters Membership Hand- book Excerpts

Membership Dues and Voting Rights

Currently, annual membership dues, for age 18 and older are \$30 for single membership, \$36 for a family membership. Family memberships are those with two adults and/or a single parent with any children under the age of eighteen residing in one household in a domestic situation. Each person with a single membership will have one vote. Each adult (person over the age of 18) in a family membership will have one vote. Renewal time for memberships is in August each year. Members who have not renewed by the August meeting are excluded from further club activities. Payment can be made by cash or by check made payable to the Eureka! Treasure Hunter's Club, Inc. Payment is made to club treasurer. Payments made by existing members are not prorated. Membership dues are determined and voted on by the Executive Board by August of every year.

Dues are used for the on-going month-to-month and year-to-year operation of the club.

August Hunt: Phoenix Mine Tour, Hunt, and Lunch

By Cindy Bockenstedt

Eureka's August Hunt will be a combination mine tour, hunt and pizza outing in the Idaho Springs area. Sunday, August 12th, 2012, Al Mosch will open his working gold mine, The Phoenix Mine, at 9:30 a.m. and give us a tour. After the tour, **our club can metal detect his property** which includes picnic areas and trails. He would be really happy if anyone found a new vein of gold. The tour will be approximately 90 minutes, but after talking to Al, maybe longer. His property also has a stream and gold panning is an option. Afterward, members can meet up at Beau Jo's Pizza in Idaho Springs (15% discount) for a late lunch (1:30 p.m.) and to show their finds.

Members and non-members are welcome. The mine tour is \$10, the tour with panning is \$15. Al, a hard rock miner, has written several books and has those, mineral samples and prospecting supplies for sale. His mine was featured in the movie "Silver City".

Cameras are welcome and the mine is handicap accessible.

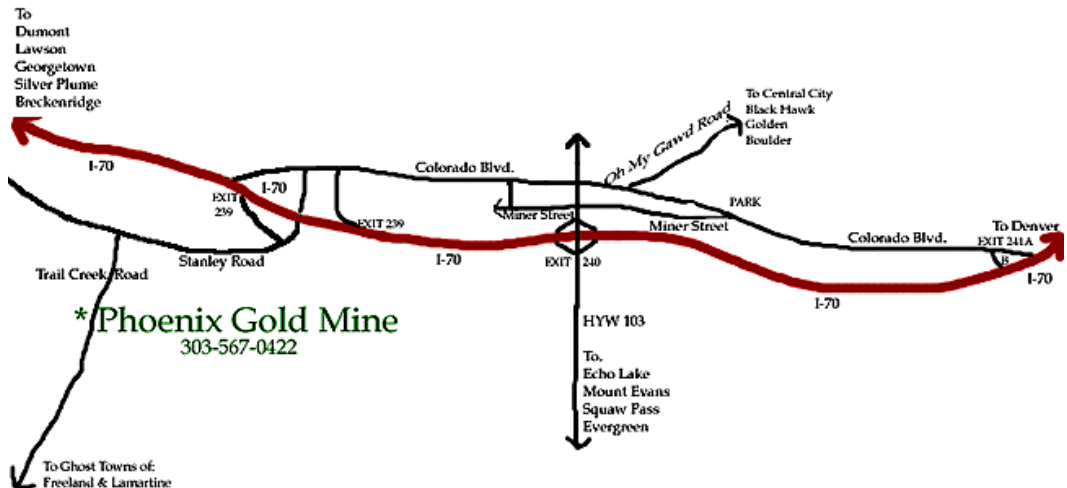
Phoenix Mine Phone: 303-567-0422

www.phoenixgoldmine.com

800 Trail Creek Road, Idaho Springs

off I-70 exit 239, west on Stanley Rd, south on Trail Creek Rd.

Over a hundred years of mining activity has taken place in this area, come on up and check it out!



Not All Streets are shown.

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If you are a Eureka member and own a
business, you can put a simple business
card sized advertisement here for free.

2012 CALENDAR

January:

11th - Board Meeting
13th - General Meeting
22nd - Club Outing - School of Mines

February:

8th - Board Meeting
10th - General Meeting

March:

7th - Board Meeting
9th - General Meeting

April:

11th - Board Meeting
13th - General Meeting
15th - Club Hunt
26th - SoundOff Deadline

May:

9th - Board Meeting
11th - General Meeting
19th - Club Hunt
24th - SoundOff Deadline

June:

2nd & 3rd Ski Slope Hunt
6th - Board Meeting
8th - General Meeting - Sue Knous
10th - Club Hunt
16th - ANA coin museum
28th - SoundOff Deadline

July:

11th - Board Meeting
13th - General Meeting
15th - Club Hunt
26th - SoundOff Deadline

August:

8th - Board Meeting
10th - General Meeting
12th - Club Hunt - Phoenix Gold Mine
30th - SoundOff Deadline

September:

12th - Board Meeting
14th - General Meeting
TBD - Coinhuna Club Championship
27th - SoundOff Deadline

October:

10th - Board Meeting
12th - General Meeting
TBD - Club Hunt
25th - SoundOff Deadline

November:

7th - Board Meeting
9th - General Meeting
TBD - Club Hunt
29th - SoundOff Deadline

December:

12th - Board Meeting
14th - General Meeting
27th - SoundOff Deadline

Upcoming 2012 Events

CLUB OUTINGS

No outings are scheduled at this time

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

John Steinle will be our speaker for the August meeting.

UPCOMING IN-TOWN HUNTS

September is our annual club competition hunt championship - Coinhuna.

You do not need to be an expert at competition hunting to compete. But if you would like to win this competition, you had better start practicing up on your target recovery skills.

This is a **Members Only** hunt and is FREE to all members who wish to participate. Look for more information in our September newsletter.

SOMETHING TO GO SEE

Bottle Exhibit

"Golden Glass: Colorado Glass Works and Early Bottles"

Golden History Center
923 10th St
Golden, CO
303-278-3557

GoldenHistory.org

Through September 2012
Wed - Sat 11-4:30
Sun 12-4:30
Admission \$3

Glass from Golden plant that operated 1887-88, blown glass dating to late 1800's, early Coors, soda and pharmacy bottles.

National Hunt

Mo-Kan Search & Recovery
36th Annual Treasure Hunt
Sept. 16, 2012

The members of Mo-Kan Search & Recovery would like to invite you to attend their 36th Annual Treasure Hunt.

For Information call 1-816-436-0697 or go to www.mokansr.com

In-Town Hunt Schedule

As a Eureka member we want you to participate in and help put on In-Town club hunts. These hunts are ment 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 (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.
- The hunt master for any particular hunt can decide open hunt (non-members August hunt) or members only.
- 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 should 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 August result in hunts being cancelled.

See the 2012 calendar for planned hunts and openings. See the Contact List for Hunt Coordinator & Newsletter Editor contact information.

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was a better school and the boys started to dig quarters and dimes. Around a tree base was a good signal and out pops an Anne Klein watch with a broken band; the excitement could be felt. In a little while my brother Bob's 22 year old son (my nephew), Jonathan, showed up at the school, and I handed him the detector. Almost, like he was born with it, he started finding coins, with the boys excitedly digging the finds. It started to get dark and we decided to meet back at the house. The family just couldn't believe what treasure we found in such a short period of time, as the two youngsters proudly displayed their treasure/loot.

I believe, especially after this successful outing, that we may have two more fledgling metal detecting treasure hunters.

Soundoff August, 2012

Liability From Owners of Recreational Areas to the Public is Limited by Colorado Statute.

In 1970, the Colorado legislature adopted Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) Sections 33-41-101 through 33-41-106, titled, “Owners of Recreational Areas - Liability.” This statute provides that **if an owner of land allows members of the general public to use the land or adjacent waters for recreational purposes without charge, the owner is not liable for injury** suffered by a recreational user.²

CRS § 33-41-103(1) provides that a landowner who permits any person to use the landowner’s land for recreational purpose does not:

- (a) warrant that the property is safe;
- (b) confer to the user the legal status of an invitee or licensee; or
- (c) **assume any liability for injuries suffered by a person who was injured.**

Under English and American common law, if a landowner invites a person to his or her property (an invitee), or a person’s entry is connected with the landowner’s business (a licensee), the landowner has an affirmative duty to protect the invitee or licensee from dangers the landowner knows or should know about. All other visitors to the land are considered to be trespassers. Landowners owe a far more **limited duty of care to trespassers**—landowners are only liable for injury suffered by trespassers if the landowner intentionally injured the trespasser (such as by setting a trip-wire designed to shoot the trespasser who triggers it) or, in some jurisdictions, by failing to warn the trespasser of an abnormally dangerous situation on the property of which the owner was aware. CRS § 33-41-103(1) therefore provides that recreational users have the same (minimal) legal status as that of trespassers.

Recreational use is broadly defined in CRS § 33-41-103(2)(e)(III) to include fishing, swimming, hunting, tubing, horseback riding, camping, rock climbing, ice skating, cross country skiing, “or any other form of sports or other recreational activity.” CRS § 33-41-102(2)(e)(II) defines *land* to include roads, water, and rivers attached to the real property.

The statute does not limit liability to a landowner for “willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a known dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity likely to cause harm.” CRS § 33-41-104(1)(a). Therefore, **landowner s should post obvious warnings of known dangerous conditions on their property** and, if the landowner knows that persons have been injured previously by the dangerous condition, the landowner may be liable for not removing or protecting against the dangerous condition. The statute in CRS

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§ 33-41-104(1)(c) provides that rivers and lakes are not deemed to be attractive nuisances. Common law generally imposes additional liability on landowners if their land is likely to attract and injure small children, so this statute provides additional protection to landowners by stating specifically that water is not an attractive nuisance.

The preamble to this statute states, “**The purpose of this article is to encourage owners of land to make land and water areas available for recreational purposes by limiting their liability.**” CRS §33-41-101. The legislature imposed an affirmative duty on recreational users to exercise due care when using land for recreational purposes in CRS § 33-41-105(1)(b), and took the statutorily-rare step of providing that if a landowner is sued by a recreational user and the landowner prevails, **the recreational user is required to pay the landowner’s reasonable attorneys fees** and costs of the action. CRS § 33-41-105.5. The author has found no Colorado case in which the recreational use statute was overruled and a landowner was held liable. Therefore, **for over 30 years Colorado’s recreational use statute has protected landowners who do not charge the public to use their property for recreational purposes.**

¹This statute also exempts landowners from liability if they provide an easement or lease their land to a government. This is designed to protect landowners from liability who lease their land to the Colorado Division of Wildlife, for instance, so that hunters may hunt on the land. This is an exception to the statute’s general requirement that landowners can only be protected from liability if they do not charge the recreational public to use their land. The statute provides additional protection to landowners who lease their land for hunting or fishing purposes to a governmental subdivision by providing that, if the landowner was held liable under the recreational use statute, the landowner’s liability would be limited to the municipal tort liability limit of \$150,000 per injured person, \$600,000 maximum; CRS § 33-41-103(2).

² This description of the statute was prepared for general circulation and users of this information should have it verified by their own legal counsel.

Robby's Two Cents



PART 1

Let's talk about last month's hunt. First and foremost a great thank you to all who lent the vendor's grandson the items to hunt. I'm sorry I didn't get the names of all who loaned the kid items and I didn't get the kids name either. But several members including myself came together and gathered the necessary items for him to hunt. I was coming back from the port-potty when they were leaving, the gentleman's window was down and he said to his grandson something to the likes of "Those were some real friendly people."

Also a special thank you goes from me to Jeff. When the cannon went off and coils went to swinging, about thirty seconds into the hunt and I found my first bullet (and my last). My two month old Garrett went down on me I checked the batteries, turned it back on and it went down again. I made my way back to my truck, changed the still new batteries and tested it yet again.....nothing. Now at this time I was fit to be tied. Luckily I parked several cars from where everyone was sitting to watch the hunt because I was using a few, well maybe more than a few "choice" words. So I put up my machine, got something to snack on, grabbed me some water and headed back to the field. Not to hunt but to observe different machines, techniques of hunting etc. I walked close to Jeff and Ron and they asked if I had given up. I told them about my machine. Jeff said he had a backup and I could use his MXT. I tried to tell him that I was ok and to continue

hunting. Now just so you know this is at the peak of the hunt. People are swinging their coils fast enough that I think it was causing a breeze in the hot day. But Jeff persisted in stopping his hunt, walking back to his truck, getting me set up. Now at this time he could have just turned it on and let me loose. But Jeff being Jeff took the time when all the easy pickings were being just plucked out of the ground to give me a short tutorial over the machine. I finally got back out into the field and felt bad for taking his time, well until about ten steps in and I found my first half dime, then a large cent, then two spikes from mine carts tracks and a couple of dated nails from earlier hunts. And to top it off a natural find of a horse shoe we believe to be pre 1900.

By the way Jeff I liked the MXT so much I went out and bought one.

PART 2:

Now the finds that were made at the Civil War hunt....**PLEASE BRING YOUR CIVIL WAR RELICS TO THE NEXT MEETING!!!!** I for one didn't get to see anyone's finds at this hunt. Being it wasn't a normal buffalo nickel and Indian penny hunt in which the finds are something we have all seen.

I have asked Ron and have the permission to set up a separate or additional table so everyone can bring these items in for all to see. The people who hid the items have seen them but a lot of us didn't see everything. Plus bring in any natural finds as well. I personally found, we think, a pre-1900's horse shoe and Kim found the bottom of a ladies heel. I will show up to the meeting a little early to set this table up. If you can place your items in a small

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container it would be helpful so as to not get things out of one place and put in another. These are part of history that we may not even know that existed, please share.

PART 3:

And last but not least the "SHOW AND TELL" table... Kim and I have brought in to the last two meetings a variety of miscellaneous items we have found. Not the sparkly gold and diamond filled bling we all crave but odd, weird, or different things. We have had several people talking to us about these items. Please bring in your normal stuff to put on the table. Who knows your toy hot wheels car may be the one that reminds someone of one they had. Show us you're junk. Just a little of what we have foundbird tags, rabies tags, knives, keys, Bluetooth's etc. Please utilize the show in tell table.

Happy Hunting



Shipwreck yields \$38m in silver bullion so far as recovery continues

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RENO (MINEWEB) -

A Tampa, Florida-based shipwreck exploration specialist said it has achieved

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the "heaviest and deepest recovery of precious metals from a shipwreck" for 1.4 million troy ounces of silver bullion so far. troy ounces of silver bullion so far.

The 1,203 silver bars recovered thus far by Odyssey Marine Exploration from the SS Gairsoppa, a British merchant ship torpedoed by a German U-boat during World War II, is believed to be only 20% of the total silver cargo which may be on board.

The Gairsoppa has sat 15,420 feet deep in the North Atlantic, 300 miles off the coast of Ireland since February 1941. "With the shipwreck lying approximately three miles below the surface of the North Atlantic, this was a complex operation," said Odyssey CEO Greg Stemm.

Some sources, including "Lloyd's War Losses" indicated a total silver cargo worth £600,000 (1941) lost aboard the Gairsoppa. "...There may have been additional government-owned silver cargo aboard that would have been self-insured," Odyssey suggested in a news release Wednesday.

Odyssey is conducting the Gairsoppa project under contract with the UK Department of Transport. Odyssey bears the risk of search and recovery and retains 80% of the net salved value of the Gairsoppa silver cargo after recovering its expenses. The company commenced recovery operations in late May.

After making an insurance payment of £325,000 (1941 value) to the owners of the silver cargo lost aboard the Gairsoppa, the UK Government became the owner of the insured cargo of silver bars, or 43% of what has been recovered so far by Odyssey.

Bloomberg estimates the value of the

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HIDDEN TREASURES AT FORT WALLACE

Linda Erickson

For a number of years, Ron and I have been trying to visit the Fort Wallace Museum in Wallace, Kansas. A recent return trip from Texas finally provided us with an opportunity to visit. Fort Wallace, originally known as Camp Pond Creek, was the most western post in Kansas along the Smoky Hill trail, built to provide protection for stage coaches, railroad surveyors and laborers, wagon trains and settlers moving west. From 1865 to 1878, the post bore the brunt of the Indian activity in Kansas. Work began on the actual fort in July of 1866. At one point there were 215 civilians on the payroll in the building of Fort Wallace. The fort was abandoned in 1881 and decommissioned in 1885.

With the years of activity in the area around Fort Wallace, one can only imagine the treasures to be recovered in the vicinity. Today little physical evidence remains to mark the location of Fort Wallace. That's where Floris Weiser comes in. Armed with a metal detector and a book about history, Floris Weiser started searching. Weiser was quoted in a *Hays Daily News* article on July 18, 2007 as saying, "Once I started finding stuff, I got hooked." I think that is the way relic hunting started for most of us. Weiser maintained detailed records of everything he found and figures he spent 1,680 days in the field with his metal detector walking 10 miles a day through Gove, Logan and Wallace counties. Weiser reportedly found all of the primary cavalry camps and five Indian camps in Gove and Logan counties. All of the cavalry camp sites were located on land that made up the fort, 17 sections of ground -- 10,880 acres. Many of these sites are on private property.

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The Fort Wallace Museum now has a fairly new addition containing the Floris & Viola Weiser Collection. Artifacts from the best-known detachments during the Indian wars--the 7th, 5th and 10th cavalries have been recovered by Weiser, along with Indian arrowheads and artifacts. An interesting note is that artifacts from the 10th Cavalry (Buffalo Soldiers) were found well away from the fort. Weiser reported that the 10th Cavalry was not allowed to camp near the fort and the closest artifacts belonging to the 10th Cavalry were found 14 miles from the fort. Many of his discoveries are well known and have been reviewed by members of the Smithsonian. Entering the museum addition, you pass through a doorway framed with wood from the original fort. Once inside the room, there are 41 display cases, grouped by subject, of Army Cavalry and Indian artifacts donated by Weiser. Included with this article is just a sampling of the photos we took at the museum.

Although not a day trip for us in the Denver area, visiting the museum would make a nice weekend trip if you have an interest in military or Indian war history and the relics that tell the story.

See photos from this trip on pages 24 - 27.

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silver recovered thus far at US\$38 million.

After unloading its cargo in a secured facility in the UK, taking on fuel and changing personnel, recovery operations will continue and are expected to be completed in the third quarter of this year.

The public will be able to see the recovery operations when television specials produced by JWM Productions will be shown on the Discovery Channel in the United States and Channel 5 in the United Kingdom.

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One of the displays in the Floris & Viola Weiser collection filled with amazing finds



US box Plate, bullets, ox shoes amongst other great finds



Bullets, Snaffle Bit, Spur and other GREAT finds.



Arrowheads, scrapers and miscellaneous iron Indian pieces

Photos from the Blue and Gray Hunt



Eureka members participating in the hunt



Tokened prize - A Set of Epaulets



Tokened prize - Civil War Bullets



Tokened prize - A Eagle Breast Plate



Our Gold Coin Winners - Linda and John

Photos from the Blue and Gray Hunt



Sven received a Eureka badge & token



Eureka members retrieving Civil War artifacts



And the hunt begins



A black powder shooting demonstration



Eureka members enjoying lunch

Photos from the Blue and Gray Hunt



The prize table



Eureka members retrieving Civil War artifacts



And the hunt begins



A black powder shooting demonstration



Eureka members enjoying lunch

Photos from our July meeting



Jason Hays wins our gold coin for the second month in a row



Fran Espinoza winner of a copy of a CS buckle



John Hinton wins a 2 Peso gold coin



Bill Chapman one of our coin drawing winners

Our Finds of the Month table and the familiar faces of Bob Flier and Bernice Ortiz logging in the finds.



Photos from our July meeting



Member getting drawing tickets and voting on Finds of the Month



Another happy SpyderCo knife winner



Some of our drawing coins



Some of our drawing coins



One of the two 2 Peso gold coins we gave away at our lasting meeting

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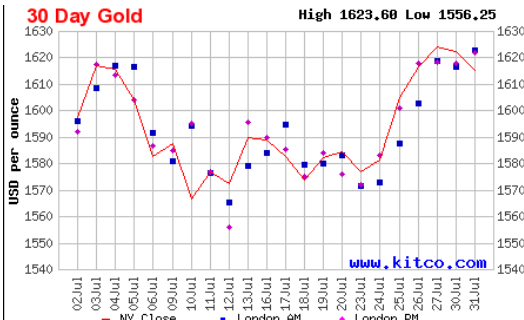
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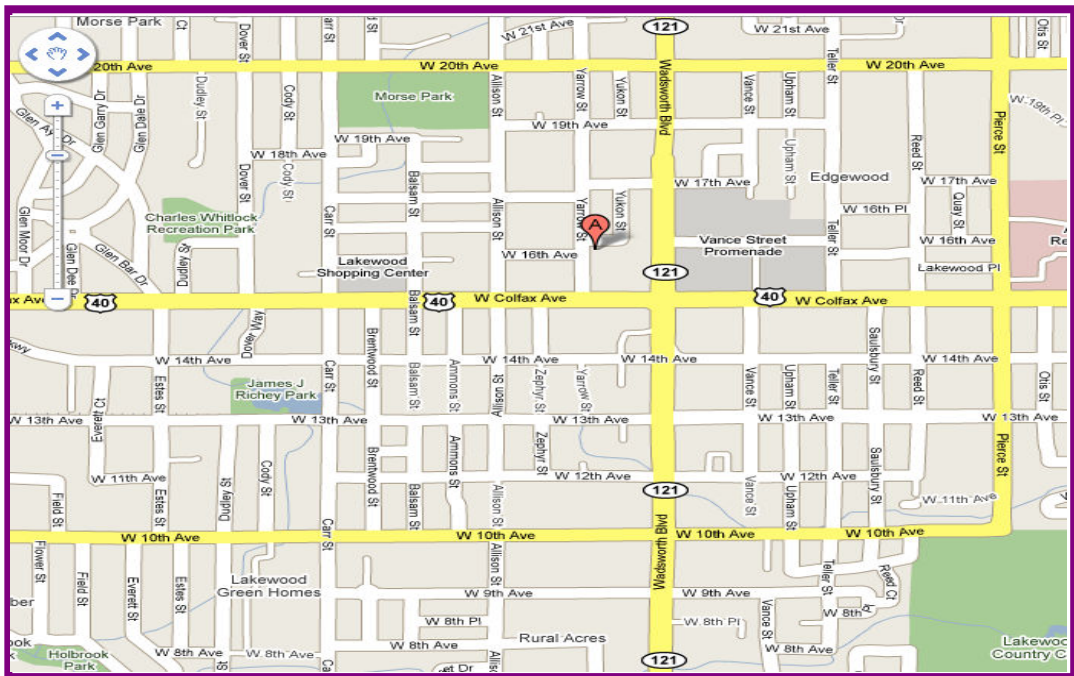
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