

The *Soundoff*

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The Prez Sez



I hope you are all having some fun out there hunting.

There have been some interesting areas to hunt recently. If you happen to hunt the Lake at Berkley Park, I would like to warn you that mud can really SUCK. I say this as I was getting out into what I thought was still somewhat firm ground and found the next step to the side SUCK my rubber boot off which I had to dig out with my shovel. Luckily for me it was no big deal but I am reminded of a few years back when a couple people were hunting a similar area and had to have Fire rescue pull them out of the mud. There is not a target out there worth losing your life over—I don't care what the price of Gold is. While watching some people detect the other day at the lake, I was reminded of a few

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About Eureka!

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 a subscription to *Soundoff*, all general meetings and selected seminars. 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 May 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.

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2nd Friday, September
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things. Items that sit in muck for 40 years can fool your detector. If it beeps, dig it. Don't look for that ideal reading. Slow down, pick a spot and cover it with overlapping swings. Get the trash out and then find the sweet stuff. A can in the ground will hide a lot of potential good signals. Fill in your holes and take your trash. Opportunities like Berkley Lake have brought new, Bounty Hunter toting newbies onto the scene who are leaving large holes and lots of trash. Be careful and remember to keep your coil on the ground.

Happy Hunting

Ron

The Treasure Hunt, that is.

By Bill Chapman

Sunday, July 10, was a very special day for 43 members of Eureka! Those members had registered for the Son of A Gun II relic hunt. It was a beautiful, sunlit day, and the large hunt field had received rain daily for the past week. The ground, however, had soaked up the rain and while not muddy, it was damp enough for easy digging. The weather prediction was "hot, with a chance of thundershowers." How prophetic that prediction was to become.

Hosted by Boots and Laura Lewis; and Boot's parents, Marvin and Sally, the hunt was on the Lazy Heart Ranch only a few miles north of Golden. Not only was it a large-scale hunt but it was a pig roast as well. Marv and Boots put Porky in the roaster at 3 o'clock in the morning so he would be ready for lunch at noon.

About 10 years ago, this acreage was the site of the original Son of A Gun hunt. In that deep relic event, it had been laid out as the ghost town site of the town of Eureka. In this hunt, it was the crossroads of pioneer trails, a railroad line and a military encampment known as Eureka Junction. In a different time era, the area had been used as a scout camp. Before going further, a BIG THANK YOU needs to go out to the entire Lewis family for making this hunt possible. Thanks also to those who donated or contributed items for the hunt: Ron and Linda Erickson, Jeff Lubbert, Boots and Laura Lewis, Gold -N- Detectors and the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club. In total, more than 2,000 targets, including a \$1 Indian Princess gold coin, put into the ground over a three-week period. Those evenings and weekends were punctuated by rain storms and lightening bolts but everything got planted.

Each participant was given a small "history booklet" upon sign-in with Louise Smyth, the club Secretary and new owner of Gold -N- Detectors. Contained in the booklet was historical information and photos as to

Secretary's Report

August 12, 2011

President Ron Erickson called the July meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 51 members present and several guests, including **Larry Kibler** and **Bill Kraft**.

Great snacks were brought by several members including **Sheri Muehlbauer**, and **Mary Sable**. Thanks to everyone who brought food! If **you** can bring some yummys for the September meeting, members would definitely enjoy them!

John Hinton and his helpers (including Steve Montaño) put on a great hunt Sunday, August 14. Thanks for the barbecue, John! **Terry Weatherly** and **Terry Krelle** are working with HART (Historic Artifact Recovery Team) in Central City as the town has been putting in new sidewalks/pavement.

The theme for the August

meeting was a Day at the Beach. Many members wore Hawaiian shirts and the meeting's guest speakers turned out to be the members themselves. Ron Erickson had the members relate memorable metal detecting outings. What great stories were shared!

New membership badges and handbooks are available.

Don't forget, the annual Coinhuna Hunt will be held in September. This competition hunt determines the club's Coinhuna—the best competitive detectorist.

Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

Cindy Bockenstedt found Lulu's Bling at the school across from the Costco at 52nd and Wadsworth.

Eureka! is considering making donations to two groups: Operation Warm Heart of the Buckley First Sergeants and the Colorado National Guard Family Assistance Program. These programs provide support to personnel and their families.

Find of the Year

Gold.....Roy Yerby
Coin.....John Hinton
Jewelry.....John Steele
Token.....John Steele
Artifact.....Burt Downie

Chelsea's Treasure Bone Clue Hunt

Bill Chapman suggested changing the puzzle format to bring new interests to the game. Please check out his new puzzle format. page 6

General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.2g)
Cindy Bockenstedt

Christmas Drawing (1899 Silver Dollar) Steve Montaño

General Drawing

Flying Eagle Cent
Mike Brewer

1906 V Nickel John
Steele

1852 Large Cent
Linda Erickson

1868 Shield Nickel
Alisa Bishop

1863 Indian Head Cent
Mike Brewer

1864 Indian Head Cent
Therese Curtain

1911 Barber Dime
Nancy Faires

1945 2.5 Peso
John Cornelisse

1849 Large Cent
Win Faires

1865 3 Cent
Carl Johanssen

Membership Drawing—1921

Morgan Dollar

Terry Weatherly

Last Chance Drawing—2011

U.S. Coin Book

Therese Curtain

Paid Entry Fee to Sunday Hunt

Bill Chapman

Ron Erickson

LuLubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cipher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each letter in the message with a different letter of the alphabet, or in this case, a different character. Every time a particular letter occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code character.

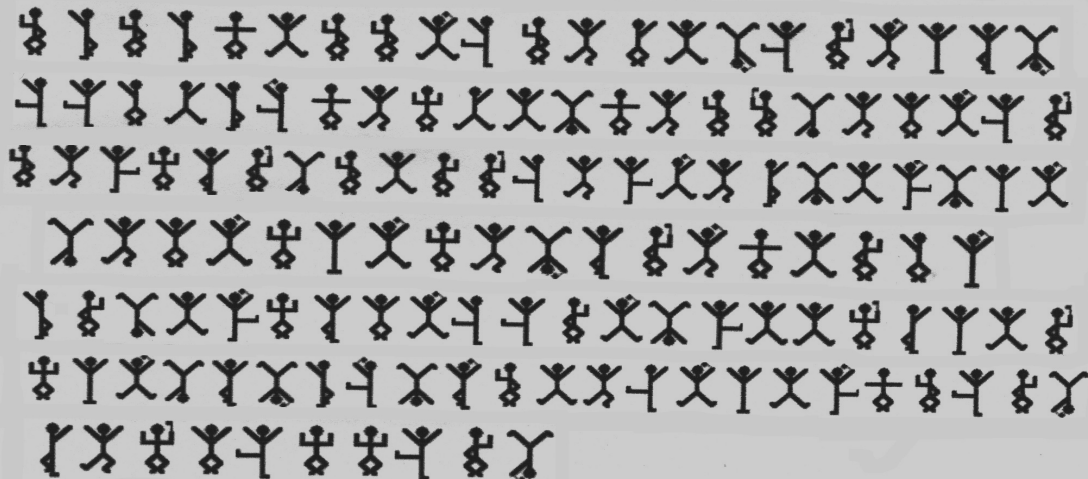
There are two sets of characters, ones with and ones without flags. The characters holding a flag in one hand mark the last letters of words. There are no spaces in this puzzle.

Hint:  = a  = a as the last letter of a word

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow.

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



Winners of the Month

**GOLD CATEGORY --- Cindy Bock-
enstedt—10 Karat Gold Ring**

Cindy Dug this one out at first base about 4 inches down it was reading “pull tab-30” after deciding to do a quick 1/2 hour hunt before dark near home. She used her MXT W 9 “ Coil and her pinpointter. Very Nice find, Cindy. Was this a coaches ring? I wonder.



**JEWELRY –Laura Lewis-Turquoise
and Silver Ring With Tag attached
With her White’s MXT and 9.5
inch Coil, Laura Night Hunts the
Buffalo Bill Celebration
Grounds..With Great Results!**



TOKEN Carl Johansen-2 1/2/cents

**Carl’s White’s DFX with the 4.5
inch coil did the tough work of
locating this unique token from
Cusick and Miles (Boulder) in
downtown Denver.**



COIN CATEGORY - Richard Kibler

1884 V Nickel

**Richard was
amazed to find
this V Nickel in
the coin box of
one of his vending
machines He
needed no metal
detector for this
find. Nice Goin’ Richard...**



ARTIFACT - Carl Johansen

BPOE Badge 1915 Pueblo

Carl Nailed this one near I-25 and 6th Avenue, just to show us it is still out there even though everyone has driven by thousands of times. Carl’s DFX with 4.5 inch coil did the job in a trashy area. Good Job Carl!





Eureka!'s September Birthdays

- Phillip Byrd
- Bill Chapman
- James Griffin
- Cory Igou
- Anette Krelle
- Mary Marcum
- Ted Marcum
- Taylor Romeis
- Mary Sable
- Nick Teti
- Terry Weatherly
- Kieth Womack



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.



SEPTEMBER 2011

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October 2011

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Vice Presidents Report—Steve Montano

Here I am once again turning in my article for our newsletter late. (Sorry Bill) Summer months are very busy for me with all the parking lots needing to be striped, that's why I look forward to November. November is when I do most of my detecting back in southern New Mexico with my dad and brother. We metal detect in an area about 15 miles northwest of Socorro known as Ladron which means thief in Spanish. The area has seen various military engagements throughout the years' the latest recorded being the ambush in 1881 of a US Cavalry force in the Rio Salado Box south of Ladron Peak by a band of Apaches led by the famous chief Nana. The area is steeped in legends and stories, some true, some probably not of conquistadors, buried Civil War cannons, lost treasure, lost bandit gold, and desperado hideouts. There is also evidence that prehistoric man had inhabited this region before. So feel free to come up after the meeting if you have any questions .

QUEST SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING at 7:30pm

Mystery Guest Speaker
this month, fun-filled
and interesting program
by Steve and Ron.
Don't Miss It!

In-Town Hunt Schedule

If this sounds familiar, the rules regarding in-town hunts bear repeating. Again, I want to reiterate in-town hunt rules for those who seem to have missed the obvious by failing to read and follow the instructions the club has provided. We want you to put on hunts. They are designed 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 **MUST**:

- **Schedule with the Huntmaster.**
- **Provide a plan.**
- **Provide flyers.**
- **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 may 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 im-

pression 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, will usually get people's attention
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash on the hunt field should receive the same treatment discussed above.

September will be our Coinhuna competition which will be put on by a board member this year (TBD).

Remember, the calendar that we put up during the meetings shows what we have scheduled. Just putting your name on the calendar does not mean that you automatically get that month. All hunts will need to be okayed by Huntmaster prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.

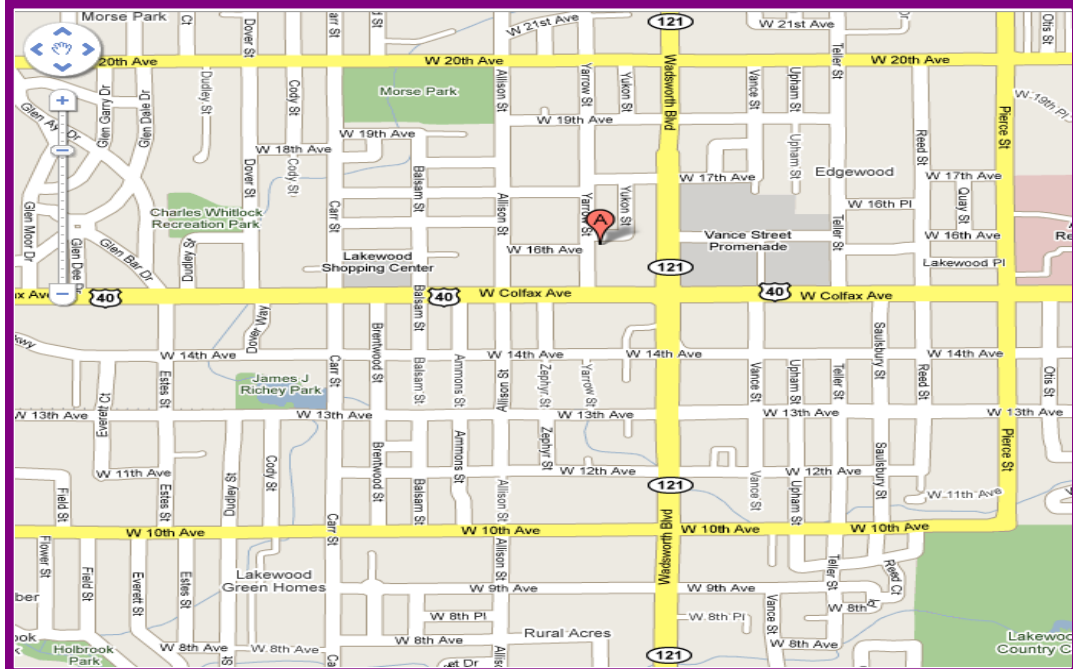
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Cindy Bockenstedt.....10 Karat Gold Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Laura Lewis.....Turquoise Ring
John Hinton.....Ladies Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....Grateful Dead Silver Ring
Terry Weatherly Silver Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Richard Kibler (Found in vending machine.).....1884 V Nickel
Carl Johansen.....Shield Nickel
John Cornelisse.....Tennis Ball Coin Cache
Cindy Bockenstedt.....Northern Sung 1134 A.D.

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Carl Johansen.....BPOE Badge 1915 Pueblo
Jindy BockenstedtUnopened Compact
Michael Brewer.....Antique Marbles

Token Category

Carl Johansen.....Cusick and Miles 2 1/2 cent

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<p>FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES</p> <p>Gold: Natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item</p> <p>Jewelry: objects of metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment, except jewelry qualifying for the GOLD category.</p> <p>Coin: a piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money (includes GOLD coins of any nation).</p> <p>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.</p>
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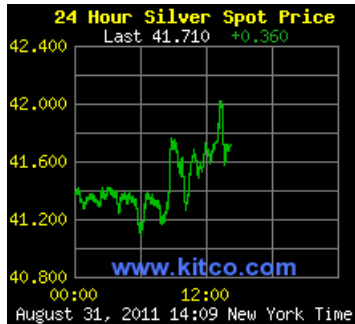
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Huntmaster Report

By John Hnton

August In-Town Silver Pot
Luck Barbeque Hunt –

Lasley Park was the
location (W Florida and S
Pierce, Lakewood, Colo.)

Barbeque by John Hinton

was great, Hunt was full
of targets, there were
silver dimes and 400 clad
quarters . The newbies
got plenty of instruction
and had a good time in
their own area which was
well stocked with some
silver dimes and clad
quarters. Thanks John
and Helpers. This was a
very good hunt!

The September (11th)
Hunt is the Annual Coin
Huna, The Contest Is On
for the Best Hunter in the
Club. Come and vie for
Silver Dimes and the
Vest! This is always a
very fun and interesting
event. Open to Members
Only! Good Luck!