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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 run April to March and are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for Junior membership. Pro-rating of dues are done for new members joining the club after the April 1 dues date. 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. Come early to socialize.

Next Club Meeting
2nd Friday of June, 7:30pm
at the
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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.

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Last month's solution:
Whether an animal origin container for gun powder a south western ski area or a park in south Jeffco the name is the same. Little Lulubelle was the goalie one afternoon when she lost her bling in that park. Can you find it for her?

Park: Powderhorn
Prize: 5 Golden Dollars. Sponsored by Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors.

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GOLD CATEGORY

Tom Zawatzki..... 18K Gold and Platinum Ring
Win Faires **14K Sapphire Diamond Ring**

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chris Davis..... Silver Necklace Pendant
 Glen Thompson..... Men's Wedding Band
 Pat Lucero..... Silver Chain with Pendant
 Pat Lucero..... Silver Pendant
 John Lambe..... Silver Ring with Stones
 John Lambe..... Stainless Steel Religious Ring
 John Hinton..... Angel Bracelet
 John Hinton..... Large Costume Ring
 Win Faires..... Silver Ring
 Ron Graves..... Silver Ring
 Ken Harmon..... Clasp Earring
 Cindy Bockenstedt..... Silver Ring
Jim Merritt..... **Custom Ring**

COIN CATEGORY

Jim Merritt..... 1987 Canadian \$1 (Loonie)
 Pat Lucero..... 1943 Mercury Dime
 Therese Curtin..... Wheat Penny Shot by .22
 Ron Graves..... Silver Dime and Wheat Penny same hole
Chuck Hedberg..... **1910 V Nickel**

TOKEN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg..... **Billy's Inn/Drink**

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg..... Elk's Lodge Medal
 Chris Davis..... Carhartt Button
 Brian Henry..... Door Pull
 Brian Henry..... Brass Plate "1931"
 Roy Morris..... .50 Caliber Misfired Cartridge
 John Hinton..... USPS Button, Pre-1960
 Ron Graves..... Burger King Token
 Ron Graves..... Fun Factory Arcade Token
 Ron Graves..... WWII Toy Soldier
 Ken Harmon..... 9-11 Commemorative Coin
 Jeff Lubbert..... Pre Civil War Eagle Button
 Cindy Bockenstedt..... 1914 Elk's Watch Fob
Brian Henry..... **1871-1925 Rail Road Crossing Signal Plate**

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 - May

GOLD - Win Faires

14K Sapphire Diamond Ring

Win walked the sideline slope of a soccer field with his XP Deus with an 11 inch coil to find this 14K ring with sapphires and diamonds.



COIN - Chuck Hedberg

1910 V Nickel

Chuck grabbed his White's 5900 Black Box SL and hit a north Denver site where first he only got hits of clad, wheats and nothing neat from the front. The next day he searched the back, and found the nickel 4 inches down.



TOKEN - Chuck Hedberg

Billy's Inn / Drink

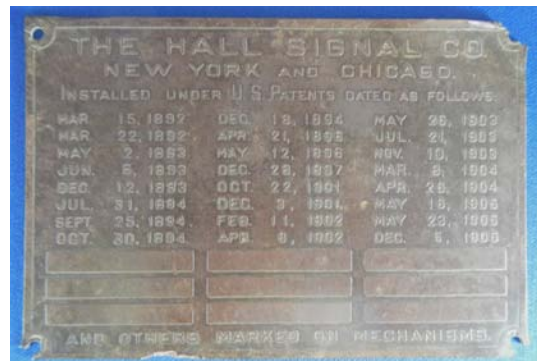
Chuck was swinging his detector and watching the ground when he eyeballed this wooden token. He saw something round and picked it up. Chuck says you don't find wooden nickels anymore.



ARTIFACT - Brian Henry

Railroad Crossing Signal Plate

This Hall Signal Co. brass plate was found at a railroad crossing site that was founded in 1870. Brian searched the old railroad station area with his Technetics T2 with the stock coil and dug 6-8 inches down to pull up this plate with its patent dates.



JEWELRY - Jim Merritt

Custom Ring with Stones

Using his White's MXT Pro with a Big Foot Coil, Jim hunted a school ground in Maryland and found this ring about 1 inch down.



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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As president, I constantly remind myself of the tasks that need to be done for the club on a timely manner. There are always a couple of things that I seem to forget but usually they are small things and luckily we have great officers and board members that keep things running smoothly. The resources that I have available are current and past officers and board members and the vast knowledge and expertise of you, our members. I thank all of you who volunteer to perform duties that keep the meetings and events running smoothly. This includes, welcome table, Find of the Month table, coin purchasing, drawings, food, hunts and others. If you see someone working at one of these places, take time to give them a thank you.

Prez Sez By John Olson

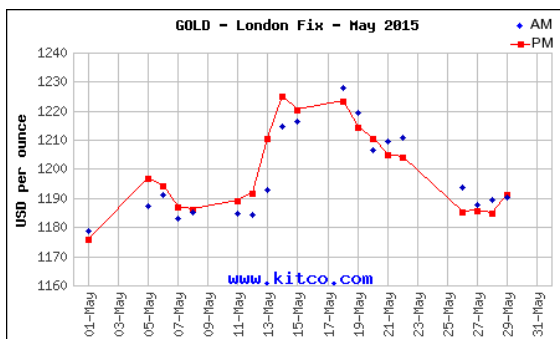


I have the greatest respect for former officers and board members from founders Gene Kotlan and Charles A. Johnson to Ron Erickson and his crew. The Eureka! Club has evolved from a get together of people in the Denver area who were interested in the hobby, to a nationally known organization that encourages ethical detecting practices, historic research, recovery of physical evidence and historic artifacts, and community involvement.

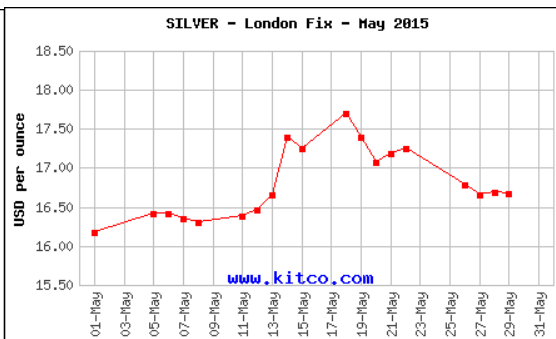
If you managed to read through this article without falling asleep, then I have a clue for you. Go to the place where you hunted last month and find the Eureka! token in the middle of where a ball game is played. Bring it to the club meeting for your reward.

Turn Detector On
Find Stuff
John

Gold Prices



Silver Prices



Upcoming 2015 Events

JUNE 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.

Unwanted Finds ~ Donate items that could be used in future Eureka! Club Hunts. Deposit them in the marked container on the Finds Table at the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

June Meeting - Bill Chapman

"How to Succeed at the Gold Strike Hunt"

PLACES TO GO

Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado
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UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

June 20, 2015 (Saturday) and

July 3, 2015 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

Contact: Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504 for place and time to meet.

June 14, 2015 - \$100

Eureka! Gold Strike Hunt/Pig Roast

3:00pm Hunt

Pig Roast to follow

Lazy Heart Ranch

Contact: Boots Lewis 303 941-6251

July 11, 2015

Silver Moon Hunt

Evening Hunt

Majestic View Park

Contact: Linda Erickson

LINKED WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

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.



Secretary's Report By Nancy Faires

May 8, 2015

President John Olson called the Eureka! Club meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 70 present including a couple visitors and 2 new members. Officers and Board members were introduced.

John Cornelisse presented the Treasurer's report.

Our speaker tonight is Karla Sarnacki from the Lakewood Police Criminalistics Department. She spoke about evidence processing. Thank you Karla.



April Hunt – Key hunt – West Meadows Park - John Cornelisse
Sunday April 12th – there were 30+ detectorists and everyone received a prize. The Spyderco token was found by Roy Neys. Roy received a Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis.
Thank you to Spyderco for supporting Eureka!

May Hunt – May Day Hunt – Chris Davis
Sunday May 17th – Lasley Park, Lakewood
There will be 2 hunts: the first without electronic probes the second with electronic probes. Hunters will be asked to participate in an anonymous recovery survey. The purpose is to figure out the number of planted items found.

Tip of the Month – Chris Davis
Persistence pays – keep at it and don't give up.

June Hunt – Eureka! Gold Strike Rush to the Ranch – June 14th Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden - Boots Lewis
\$100 per hunter – includes a pig roast / \$20 per person for food only.



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Lulu's Bling - sponsored by Louise Smyth, Gold-N-Detectors

Tonette Romero found the Bling at Powderhorn Park. She received 5 golden dollars from Louise.

Thank you, Louise, for sponsoring this hunt.



Breakfast Club – Bill Abercrombie

Meets the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday each month at Lookin' Good Restaurant, 9 AM.

Please come and join us for breakfast and hunt.

Please renew your membership if you have not done so.

\$30 single membership

\$36 family membership

You must be a paid member to enter and vote for Finds of the Month and to participate in the membership drawing.

The club has decals, pins and water bottles for sale. We are planning to have more hats soon.

We are looking to purchase club t-shirts.

Future Speaker Topics

“How to detect for gold” – Bill Chapman



General Drawing Winners

1879 S Morgan silver dollar – Gary Porter

1855 Large cent – Pat Lucero

1851 3 cent piece – Tom Conroy

Dos peso – Glen Thompson

1943 Walking liberty half dollar – Bernie Watts

1898 Barber quarter – Burt Downie

1858 Flying eagle cent – Dave Redman

1908 O Barber half dollar – Win Faires

1925 Walking liberty quarter – Laura Lewis

1911 Barber dime – Terry Hirschfeld

1857 Half dime – Lorie Atencio



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1842 Seated liberty dime – Nancy Porter

Second Chance Drawing Winners – GPAA ticket

Dave Redman

John Hinton

Membership Drawing Winner

Burt Downie - won a silver dime

Holiday Drawing

1881 Morgan silver dollar – Lorie Atencio

Finds of the Month Winners – each won a silver dime

Gold category – Win Faires

Coin category – Chuck Hedberg

Token category – Chuck Hedberg

Artifact category – Brian Henry

Jewelry category – James Merritt

Thank you to everyone who brought food tonight.



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In Search of the Lost Davis Treasure

By
James “Chris” Davis

I had long known my great-grandfather, George Andrew Davis, participated in the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889 and claimed a 160 acre tract in Payne County.



Family lore said he had pre-scouted the tract he wanted. He took off on a horse at the start of the race and was soon far out in front of everyone. He arrived at the site only to discover someone else, a “Sooner”, was already there. A “Sooner” was one who snuck off before the legal race time to claim a preferred property. My great-grandfather then, allegedly, pointed a gun at this individual and suggested he move on, which the fellow did. Later research into my family history revealed that prior to the Rush, my great-grandfather may have occasionally engaged in the acquisition of livestock from the local Indians by nocturnal and other dubious means, and, it would appear my esteemed ancestor was probably a “Sooner” himself. Oh well.

I asked all the surviving kin on my side of the family what they knew about the old homestead and if they were aware of any relatives on other sides of the family. None of them knew much. So, I did some research. I contacted the Oklahoma Historical Society and was able to determine exactly where the tract was. I worked up GPS coordinates for each of the corners.

In 2013, armed with this scanty information, I drove up to see what the old homestead tract looked like. I found the property without problem. While I was checking one of the corners, I noticed a truck parked on the side of the road. So, I ambled over and asked if the driver might know who currently owned the property in question. The fellow responded, “Don Davis”. My, that was a very interesting last name. I inquired if he might know where Don Davis lived, and he directed me to a red house right down the road. Being a shy and reserved fellow, I marched up and knocked on the door. An elderly gentleman answered the door. Everyone who is



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older than my 63 years is an “elderly” gentleman. Anyone who hasn’t reached 60 yet is a mere youngster. I introduced myself and asked if he might have any relatives by name of George Andrew Davis. The gentleman responded that his grandfather was named George Andrew Davis. “Well”, I said, “What a coincidence. It just so happens my great-grandfather was named George Andrew Davis. I guess that makes us kin”. Kinda. Somewhat. Don Davis was the son of the brother of my grandfather.

According to Ancestry.com, Don is my first cousin, once removed. Our relation is clear as mud. Don was kind enough to take me for a tour of the property and showed me where the old homestead house once stood. We had a nice visit.

As Don was getting on in age, 87 and had some health problems, I decided another visit this year might be timely and appropriate. This time I took my metal detector, and with Don’s approval, took a look at the old homestead site.

Well, to sum it up, I hunted for 2 days, in the rain, and succeeded in finding the Lost Davis Treasure. In addition to the expected old iron horseshoes and various hardware, I discovered a number of interesting articles:

-I found a marble my grandfather or his brothers undoubtedly played with as children.

-I found the handle of a utensil, and plate shards the family used at mealtime.

-Based on the age, type and occurrence of cartridge hulls, I was able to document my great-grandfather once owned and fired a 10 gauge shotgun. He also shot a Winchester Repeating Arms .38 W.C.F., model 1874 lever action rifle.

-I now know George Andrew Davis once had and played a Hohner harmonica.

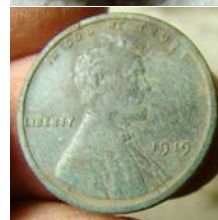
-I discovered the rotted out hull of a pocket knife he once used.

-I found a key to the house that is no longer there.

-It appears my grandfather wore Carhartt overalls.

-I even found the cash money. A 1919 penny, and a 1927D penny.

Keep in mind, my great-grandfather was a dirt poor farmer and rancher. He did not have two chickens to rub together, so 2 cents was unquestionably a significant portion of his financial portfolio. And I found it.



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Of course, there was no Davis Lost Treasure in the sense most people would think. Remember, treasure is in the eye of the beholder. What is trash to one, may be treasure to someone else. Everything I found provided a link and insight to my great-grandfather, so it was all treasure to me. It doesn't take much to amuse some folks.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention the homestead is located about 3 miles east of Ingalls, OK. Ingalls was the site of the famous Doolin-Dalton Gang shootout in 1893. The Doolin-Dalton Gang had been involved in a number of train and bank robberies and used Ingalls as a safe area in between jobs. On September 1, 1893 a group of 14 U.S. Marshals entered the town to arrest the gang. Things did go exactly as planned. Three Marshals and 2 residents got killed, most of the robbers escaped and only 1 bad guy was apprehended.

George A. Davis was living there when the Ingalls gun fight took place. In an article, his son related the following story. "Dad smoked Bull Durham and chewed Horse Shoe Tobacco. He was on to town to get tobacco and go to the post office. He was just coming up to town when he heard the shooting. It was nothing for the outlaws to get in a little target practice for drinks, so when he heard the shooting he just kept on going. As he got closer to town, a bullet whizzed past his head, and he thought, "I'm going to have to tell them fellers to quit shooting down this way or they're gonna kill somebody". When he got close enough to see what was going on, he turned his saddle horse around and headed for home. He didn't have no business up there".

A fellow named Bee Dunn (born 1866/died 1896) was a neighbor and lived just south of the homestead. It was thought he served as a fence for the Doolin Gang, selling stolen horses and cattle. The story goes that two of the Doolin gang (Charlie Pierce and Bittercreek Newcomb) were hiding out at Dee's place and Bee shot them. Bee told everyone he killed them in a gunfight, but since they had holes in the bottoms of their feet, it was suspected he shot them while they were sleeping. He loaded them up in a wagon and headed to Guthrie to collect the \$5,000 rewards. One of the outlaws began to come to, so this other fellow with Bee got back there and beat his head in with a pistol and killed him, so they could take them in dead for the reward. In 1896, Marshal Frank Canton believed the Dunn brothers were selling stolen beef and got a warrant for Bee's arrest. Canton had heard that Bee had said he would kill him on sight. When Bee stepped out of the butcher's shop in Ingalls, Canton shot him square in the forehead. "He flopped around like a hog a'dying. I never seen a man die so hard". The locals were not exactly pleased to have Bee buried in the Ingalls Cemetery. The morning after he was buried, someone draped hog intestines all over his tombstone.

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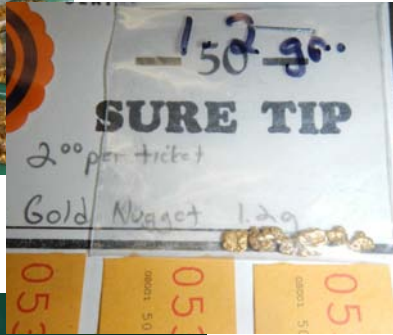
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GRAB YOUR ASS AND LETS GO PROSPECTING

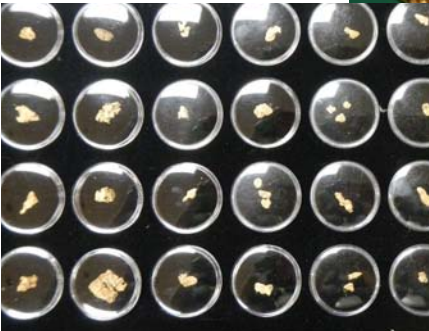
JUNE 14TH HUNT STARTS AT 3:00PM PIG ROAST
AT 5:00 THEN PRIZES

CLAIM JUMPERS BEWARE





GOLD STRIKE
June 14, 2015



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.

If you want to learn more about your detector or how to detect, or cement friendships, this is a great opportunity to tap into other member's experience or to get together for a fun outing.



Report by Chris Davis: The Breakfast Club Strikes Gold!

Six individuals turned out for the May 15 Breakfast Club hunt. Attending were Bill, Chris, Ken, Terry, Randy and Mary. After a nice breakfast, we all went over to the Westwood Park in Denver. Being in Denver, it was probe-only. Mary is one of the few individuals who can swing two metal detectors at the same time. On her very first



hit, she found a very interesting "diamond" studded handcuff necklace pendant. We all found a good numbers of coins.



Right at the end of the hunt I pulled up a gold ring. It wasn't much of a gold ring, 10K, awful thin. Not quite comparable to a \$500 Tiffany dog collar, or an 18k/platinum ring, but it was considerably better than a sharp stick in the eye. Actually, it is about as cheap as you can get, and still be gold. But you know what they say, a gold ring is a gold ring is a gold ring. This was the first verified gold we have found during our Breakfast Club outings so far. We expect many more and encourage everyone interested to come and enjoy the bi-monthly get-together.

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May Day Hunt-2015

By Chris Davis

The May Day Hunt was held at Lasley Park in Lakewood, CO, on May 17.

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who provided

guidance on how to organize and conduct this hunt. John Olson put up with all my inquiries and donated 10 silver dimes for the hunt. A very special thanks is extended to Randy and Mary Sable, Win and Nancy Faires, and John Hinton, all whom helped with the multitude of tasks involved with actually conducting the hunt, such as, purchasing of supplies, preparing lunch, planting the field, and registration of hunters. It takes an awful lot of work and everyone's efforts are appreciated.

Turnout was a bit light as timing for the hunt was not ideal. The hunt had been postponed a week because of Mother's Day. It also coincided with the big gold prospecting show. And, the weather report called for afternoon isolated showers. All the police cars probably didn't help any. Never-the-less, 20 hardy folks showed up for the hunt.

The day started off in rather exciting fashion. Four Lakewood Police cars drove up and parked by our pavilion. I thought I had cleared everything with the Recreation Department, but you never know. It turns out the Police were just making a drug bust on some local kids selling marijuana to each other, and just happened to be right next to our coin search area.



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This was a No-Electronic-Probe Hunt. Knowing where the coin was, and finding it, were two different things. It sharpened our skills on pinpointing with the coil, and reminded us how helpful those electronic probes really are.

We guessed at having 25 hunters and planted some 1,245 coins. But with only 20 hunters showing up, it came to 62 coins per hunter. So, folks found a lot of coins, including a fair sprinkling of silver, 1 Large Cent, a 2 Cent (which nobody found and is still out there), 2 commemorative \$5 coins, Indian Head pennies, a Spyderco token and some Mardi Gras doubloons.



I also ran a coin recovery survey. All clad coins planted were marked with a blue spot. Hunters filled out a survey form at the end of the hunt reporting what coins they recovered. It seems they found 87% of the coins planted. Jack



Jack



Jay

Hoover found the Spyderco token. Jay Reed found the Large Cent.



Ron

After the initial 45 minute No-Probe Hunt, we took a short break, during which Ron Graves picked up the Walking Liberty oz. of silver in the coin drawing. We then hit the field again, this time with probes, for a Clean-up Hunt. Unfortunately, the rain moved in shortly thereafter. The rain was light but a good number of hunters left the field to protect their machines.

However, a number of excellent unplanted finds were made during this second hunt. Doug McConnell pulled out a 14k gold ring. Cindy Bockenstedt did okay. She found a Smith and Wesson knife, a chunker sterling silver ring and a French coin, dating between 1516-1555. Best of all, she found 2 keys and a whistle.



Cindy



Doug

Overall, it was a very good hunt, and I think everyone had a good time .



Coin Recovery Survey

By Chris Davis

A Coin Recovery Survey was conducted during the May Day Hunt. The object was to determine the percentage of planted coins recovered during a hunt and if any coin type was more likely not to be uncovered.

All clad coins in the survey (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters) were marked with a dab of blue paint to distinguish them from “wild” coins. Other coins planted included: Indian Head pennies, buffalo nickels, silver dimes and silver quarters. These coins were not marked on the assumption there likely be few or none naturally present. Some 1,245 coins were planted in the 0.55 acre search area. Twenty (20) hunters participated in the hunt. Coins were not buried, just slipped under the grass.

In summary, 87% of the planted coins were recovered. I feel pretty confident in this figure. Problems start to arise when looking at some of the specific data. For instance, according to the figures, we found 124% of the silver quarters. We only planted 25 silver quarters, but the survey indicates we recovered 31, which is not likely. More probably, several folks just mistakenly recorded clad quarters in the silver column. Another problem area was the Indian Head pennies. We planted 15, but only 4 were reportedly found. I know more than that were uncovered. Very likely, others were included in the unmarked penny column, or undescribed in the “Other” column. Oh well.

The recovery percentage of each coin type was fairly consistent. Ninety-two percent (92%) of the silver dimes and clad quarters were reportedly recovered. Clad dimes, modern nickels and pennies recovered were 84%. Had the coins been truly buried,

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Wheatridge requires a permit to metal detect in their city. No detecting is allowed October-March. Permits allow detecting April-September.

Westminster

At the present time is asking people to get a 3 month permit to metal detect. 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.

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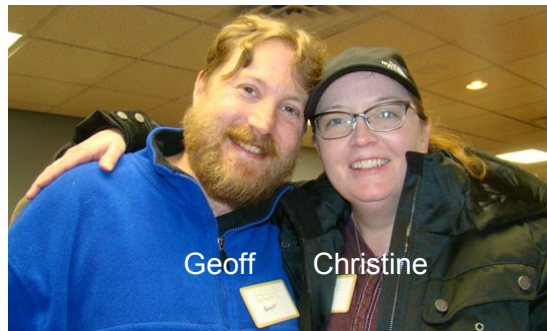
the recovery percentages would likely have changed.

	<u>Planted Coins</u>	<u>Total Recovery</u>	<u>Unfound</u>	<u>Percentage Recovery</u>
Pennies	250	213	37	85%
Modern Nickels	250	211	39	84%
Buffalo Nickels	125	109	16	87%
Silver Dimes	75	69	6	92%
Clad Dimes	250	211	39	84%
Silver Quarters	25	31	-6	124%
Clad Quarters	250	231	19	92%
Large Cent	1	1		
2 Cent	1		1	
Indian Head Cent	15	4		
Spyderco Token	1	1		
Comm. Coins	2	2		
Total Coins	1,245	1083	151	87%

Look Who's Joining the Fun

By Chris Davis

The Eureka! Metal Detecting Club is proud to welcome two new members. Geoff Mandell and Christine Short joined Eureka! at the May meeting. Geoff has lived all over the country but grew up in Pennsylvania. He is currently employed as a customer service supervisor. In addition to metal detecting, Geoff enjoys archery. He won the Oregon state games two years in a row



in the men's longbow division. Geoff has lived in Colorado for 8 years. His wife, Christine Short moved from New Orleans in 2005. She has worked in seasonal positions for the Forest Service. They live in the Green Mountain area. Three years ago Christine purchased Geoff a Titan 1000 metal detector. They have hunted the local parks and school yards. Christine is now looking to buy a detector and get into the fun.



May Meeting's
Show & Tell
and
Drawing Coins



After Five Years

By Tommy Zawatzki

Roy Neyes received a phone call from California from Joe's son about a ring his dad had lost 5 years ago. Joe's son asked Roy if he could help find the ring after so many years. Roy agreed to look for it.

On Thursday morning, Roy called me to see if I want to hunt for it also. Roy and I met at Joe's house in Littleton and got the story of how and when the ring was lost and where it should be. The hunt was on for two hours when Roy said, "Tom come here, Tom come here!"

Roy was kneeling on the ground, right by where Joe was sitting, with the grass held back, there sat a gold ring standing on edge. My mouth was hanging open, Roy was smiling and Joe was wondering what was found and came over and bent down. Joe saw his ring after five years and starting shaking. Roy handed him the ring and grabbed Joe, saying, "Come on Joe, sit down". Joe sat down.



To see joy and happiness, like the three of us shared at that moment, is what life and helping is all about. Thanks Roy for the invite. You made my year.
Tommy Z.

P.S. Joe and his wife will be married 56 years this August.



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- 5th - Breakfast Club
- 5th - Newsletter Published
- 10th - Bd Mtg 6:30pm*at Boots'
- 12th - General Meeting 7:30pm
- 14th- Gold Strike Hunt 3:00pm
- 20th - Breakfast Club
- 26th - Soundoff Deadline

July 2015

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

That's all this month - find something good!