

The Soundoff

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Summer is finally here!



Death of a Friend

by Bill Chapman



It is with great sadness that I have been asked by Daryl J.R. Townley, a long-time friend, author, mentor and featured speaker at Rush to the Rockies to notify his friends at the Eureka Treasure Hunters Club that his wife of more than 35 years, Betty Jean Townley, has passed away. The information that Daryl supplied is shown below: a real treasure!

Betty Jean Townley

January 22, 1954 ~ February 27, 2024

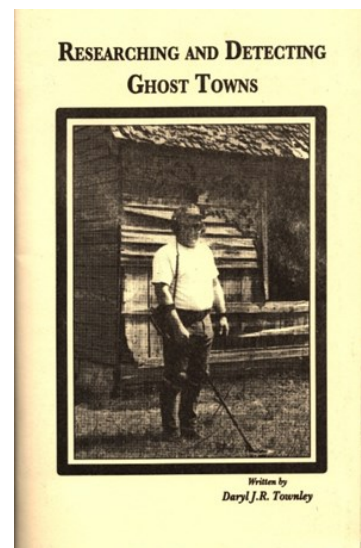
Betty Jean Townley was born on January 22, 1954, in Duncan, Oklahoma to Samuel "Casper" and Vivian (Vowell) Jenkins. She passed away peacefully with her husband by her side at her home in Duncan on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the age of 70.

Betty graduated from Duncan High School and worked at Duncan Regional Hospital until retirement. She enjoyed sewing, shopping, and working in her garden growing plants and flowers. She was a very well liked and energetic woman. Betty will be remembered as an honest and loyal wife who lived a Christian lifestyle.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Casper and Vivian; mother and father-in-law, Doris and J.R. Townley; brother, Jerry Don Jenkins; sister, Joann Jenkins; uncle, Bill Young; and cousin, Steven Young.

Survivors include her husband of over 35 years, Daryl J.R. Townley, and a brother, Raymond Jenkins.

Online condolences may be made at www.whittfh.com.



LET'S MAKE A DEAL



Deals Deals Deals

There will be tokens in the ground that will give you the opportunity to make a deal with. The deal makers will need your help to make decisions and cheer them on.

Deal or no deal, are you willing to take a chance or get a Zonk?



When: Saturday June 22nd
Where: Robby Ferrufino Park
8895 W. 74th Ave
Time: 10:00 AM
Cost: \$25
Members Only



Contact: Joyce Keith 303-906-0020



Backup Date: Saturday June 29th



THE HUNT OF SUMMER

Date: Saturday, July 13th

Time: 10:30Am

**Place: Majestic View Park
8870 W. 72nd Ave
Arvada, CO 80003**

Contact: Marty Stone @ 720-312-3106

\$25 Per Person

Members Only



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The Prez Sez

by Jeff Lubbert



So here we are in the very beginning of summer, and it feels like the temps have been there for a while. So what can we do to make the summer more bearable? First off, keep hydrated. It seems so simple to say but the practice is not so easy. Take time out of your searching day to grab some water or a sport drink. I know that I have a hard time doing this, but I made promises that I will do a better job of keeping hydrated this year. I also like to keep covered with full sleeve shirts to keep from having to put sunblock on. When I am out detecting you will almost always see me in a fishing shirt as they allow for air flow and yet block the sun. On the really hot days I will pour a bit of water over my back and let it evaporate which keeps me a bit cooler than what I was. Yes, I may have to do this a few times over the day, but it is better than overheating. I also use a cooling towel; this is a special type of towel designed to keep you cool. Either put them in a Ziplock baggie that is half filled with water for a couple of minutes or pour water on them. Then when the towel is well saturated place the towel either on your head or around your neck. It is amazing how much this makes a difference.

During the heat of the day make sure to take breaks and find shade if at all possible. Here in Colorado being in the shade makes all the difference in the world during these hot and sunny days. And while taking that break grab that sports drink, pour some water over your back and grab that cooling towel and place it over your head.

I typically do not hunt alone; I have partners that I detect with and we look out for each other. Hopefully you have such a partner(s). We have all told each other to take a break or grab water. Please listen to your partners or that person talking to you in your head. Also keep an eye on your partner as heat related emergencies can come on quickly and can create problems that could last a lifetime.

Heat emergencies are health crises caused by exposure to hot weather and sun. Heat emergencies have three stages: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heatstroke. All three stages of heat emergency are serious. Heat cramps, this is pretty self-explanatory, cramps or muscle tightness. Heat Exhaustion Symptoms include: muscle cramps, dizziness, mild confusion, fast heart rate or breathing, headache, irritability, extreme thirst, nausea or vomiting, pale skin, heavy sweating and/ or fainting. I have been there, it is not pleasant. I ended up sick for days, not being able to keep even water down. Heatstroke symptoms may include any or all of those of heat exhaustion but may also include; body temperature over 104°F, irrational behavior or hallucinations, confusion, rapid, shallow breathing, rapid, weak pulse, seizures, loss of consciousness, dry skin.

If you or someone you know is experiencing heat cramps, you should; move to a cooler area, out of direct sunlight, gently massage the cramping muscle, stretch the muscle gently, drink cool (not cold) water or sports drinks every 15 minutes.

To treat heat exhaustion, you should; move to a cooler area; out of direct sunlight; loosen clothing; apply cool; wet towels to your face, neck, chest, and limbs; have someone fan your skin; drink cool water or sports drinks every 15 minutes remember to not drink to quickly.

Heatstroke is a life-threatening emergency. Call 911 or go to an emergency room immediately. If waiting for EMS to arrive; move the person to a cooler area, out of direct sunlight; loosen clothing; remove any sweaty clothing; apply cool, wet towels to the face, neck, chest, and limbs; apply ice, if you have it, to the underarms, wrists, and groin; fan the person's skin; offer cool water or sports drinks every 15 minutes if the person is conscious.

- Jeff



Detectors and Equipment for Sale!

I have a couple of new detectors in stock that I would like to move, currently, I have a Minelab Equinox 900 and a Nokta Legend. These machines will come with the full manufacturer warranty. Also, I have a couple of Minelab M8 (5x8) coils, these will only work on the Manticore. Please contact me for special Eureka members only pricing on the above listed items or any of your detecting needs.

Jeff Lubbert

President - Eureka! Treasure Hunters club



EUREKA! THC BOARD RESOLUTION

TEMPORARY - February 27, 2024

The Eureka! THC Board has adopted a **TEMPORARY** resolution for the addition of two (2) additional categories to the Find of the Month (FOM):

Costume Jewelry
Foreign Coins

By unanimous consent, the Eureka! THC Board decided to “TEST” two (2) additional **TEMPORARY** categories effective April 12 – October 11, 2024, 7 months. The information gathered during the “TEST” period will be reviewed by the Board in November 2024 to determine if the additional categories should be added to the FOM in the future.

During the “TEST” period, members may enter their finds in these additional categories; however, items entered in these categories will be eligible for the standard FOM honors, a silver dime for the winner of the category; however, the winners of these two (2) categories will **NOT** be eligible for the 2024 FOY awards. Like the winners of our five (5) categories, the winners of these two (2) **TEMPORARY** categories will be required to give a write-up of the story of their find(s) to be published in the *Soundoff*. These two (2) new **TEMPORARY** categories are meant to bring back some fun into the FOM competition.

In the future, if this resolution is approved by the Eureka! THC Board, the finds entered will become FOY eligible – 2025.

Questions: please see / contact any Eureka! THC Board member.



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EUREKA! THC BOARD TEMPORARY RESOLUTION

Definitions for New Categories

COSTUME JEWELRY

DEFINITION:

Jewelry designed for wear with current fashions and usually made of inexpensive materials: fashion jewelry crafted from non-precious materials. Materials may include a variety of base metals such as brass, copper, plastic, glass, synthetic/ simulated stones, textiles, leather and gold-plated / silver-plated base metals.

It can range from simple, understated pieces to extravagant, high-end fashion jewelry studded with high-quality, simulated stones.

Costume jewelry is made “en-masse” to satisfy a trend or compliment an outfit.

Costume jewelry may be entered into the jewelry category at the finder’s discretion.

Taken from Merriam-Webster, Dictionary.com and Brite Co.

FOREIGN COIN:

DEFINITION:

A piece of metal issued by any foreign governmental authority as money.

Foreign coins that are of monetary or historical value may be entered in the coin category.

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Additional Notes on the New Temporary Categories

The new temporary categories are merely optional and not hard set in what is required to be in each at this point in time. Meaning, that if a foreign coin is found, it is NOT required to be in the foreign coin category. If a foreign coin is found that has a chance of winning in the standard coin category you may enter it in the coin category.

Likewise, not all non-precious metal jewelry is required to go in the costume jewelry category.

These two new temporary categories for finds were created to add more fun and added chances to bring in finds. We are not wanting to cause confusion, animosity or angst amongst club members.

This isn't rocket science; if you want to enter your finds in one of the 5 standard categories for a chance at a silver dime and maybe a FOY opportunity, then do so. If you have finds that correspond with the new categories that more than likely will not win in either coin or jewelry but are fun, they just might win a silver dime in the foreign or costume jewelry category.

Jeff Lubbert

President, Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club





The Atocha Silver Bar

by Chris Davis

The Eureka! Club President, Jeff L, brought a silver bar recovered from the famous Spanish 1620 Atocha shipwreck by the meeting last night for us to look at. The bar was in great shape with the silver purity stamps, official Spanish seals and weight (or was it a date? Whatever).

This bar weighed 85 pounds. Let's see, there are 14.58 troy oz. in a pound, so that comes to 1,239.58 oz. Silver is currently priced at \$28.39/oz. That comes to a spot silver value of \$35,192.

Jeff was transporting the silver bar to a lady who is going to try to sell it. I believe the lady is trying to get \$75-85,000 for it, in case any of you have any change in your wallet you need to get rid of.

I considered buying the bar to melt down and make silver bullets, but, how many werewolves do you need to shoot? Besides, werewolves are on the endangered species list.

When I visited Mel Fisher (who found and recovered the wreck) Museum down in Key West, Florida 20 years ago, they must have thought I had money and might be interested in investing (fooled them, didn't I?), so they invited me into the back room and laid the proposal out.



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Anyway, it seems Mel Fisher used to have one of these silver bars on his desk and told anyone who came in, if they could pick it up with one hand, they could have it. Eventually, one fellow nearly picked it up, so Mel stopped making the offer.

Another exhibit they had was a gold rod. You could stick your hand in through the plexiglass and pick it up and feel how heavy it was. Several years later, someone figured out how to steal it. Last anyone heard of it, it was in Europe somewhere.





Breakfast Club 5/3

by Chris Davis

The Eureka! Breakfast Club set a new record on its May 3, 2024 outing!

We had an excellent turnout with some 20 odd participants. The weather was very good, and there was good soil moisture. The Del Mar Park was selected for our hunt.

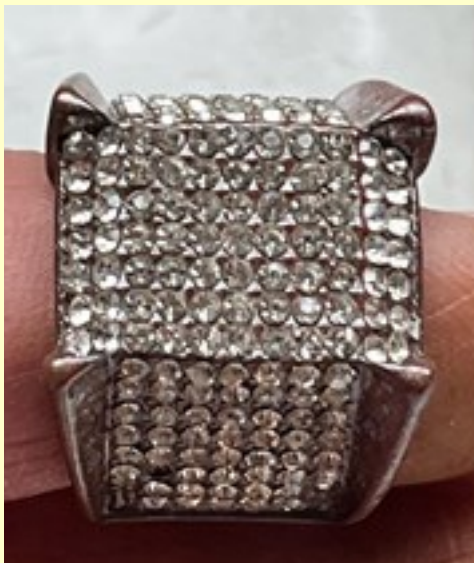


Five rings were recovered. Allen J. started things off right with nice one, but it was difficult to determine what it was made of. We hoped it might be Titanium or White Gold, but it turned out to be Stainless Steel. Nevertheless, it was a good looking ring. Allen also got a fine aluminum band. Two silver rings were recovered. Mark C. picked up a very pretty silver Irish Claddagh ring with a stone. Brice Y. dug up another silver ring with 6 small stones, possibly diamonds. If we had a "Large and Gaudy Jewelry Category", Bob H. would have a great entry. As opposed to a "diamond ring", he found a "diamonds ring". The thing was covered with dozens of "diamonds". I am sure they are all real, but it will probably take several hours to test them all.

As usual, Jeff M. spent most of his time under one tree. He managed to find a very nice silver earring with an amber stone. Surprisingly, he did not find a single silver dime. The Ron E./Finley team picked up a Gerber "Leatherman-type" tool. Two or 3 wheaties, a number of tokens and one bullet were also found.

From a change recovery standpoint, this was the best the Breakfast Club has ever done. "We", as a group, picked up at least \$72.28. I thought Mark C. was going to win most change with \$7.72, but he ended up coming in third. Jeff M. edged him out with \$7.94 to come in second. Bob H. did best with \$9.55.









Is it Silver?

by Chris Davis

There are a number of ways to tell if the jewelry you found is indeed silver.

Look. Silver has a “look”. Once you have looked at enough silver items, you will get a good idea if it silver or not just by the way the item looks.

Hallmark Stamp. If the item is stamped “.925” or “Sterling” it is probably silver. Jewelry items touted as “gold” are frequently and purposely mislabeled, but I cannot remember ever seeing a silver item stamped as silver when it was not.

Bleach. The literature indicates Bleach can be used to determine if an item is silver. When bleach is applied to a silver item, the true silver item will quickly tarnish or turn black.

Commercial Acid Test Kit. This kit usually comes with 4 different Gold Test Acids (10K, 14K, 18K, 22K), a Silver Acid and a Test Stone. The test procedure requires scratching the item to be tested with a small file in a remote location in case the item is plated. This scratched area is then rubbed on the black stone.

I frequently can tell if an item is (not) silver by the color of the scratch. If it is a brown/brass color, it is not silver (probably copper). Silver has a “silver” color (imagine that). Aluminum also has a silver color, but will not change at all when acid is applied.

Commercial Acid Test Kit

There are 2 ways to test for silver with a Commercial Acid Test Kit.

First, there is a Silver Acid. A drop of the Silver Acid is then placed on the rubbing, wait 20-30 seconds and note the color of the rubbing. A reddish color indicates the item is silver. Sometimes, the color is difficult to determine just by looking at the acid drop. Wiping the drop of acid off with a white paper towel makes the red color, if present, show up much better.

Blue -Nickle

Dark -Brown Brass



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Yellow -Tin or Lead

Green (500)

Brown -Low Grade Silver (.800)

Red -Silver Dime (.900)

Darker Red -Sterling Silver (.925)

Bright Red - Fine Silver (.999)

Another way to determine if the item is silver is to use the 18K or 14K Acid. Make the rubbing mark on the black stone as noted above. Put a drop of 18K on the rubbing and wait 20-30 seconds. The acid will turn .925 (Sterling) silver on the rubbed mark to a light blue color. If instead, you put the 14K acid on a silver rubbing, it should turn a milky white.



**Copper Brass Silver Faux Silver
(14K Acid)**



**Silver, Milky White
(14K Acid)**



Eureka 2024 Calendar



June						
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June

Friday, June 7 - Breakfast Club

Friday, June 14 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 15 - Breakfast Club

Sat, June 22 - **Let's Make a Deal Hunt**

July						
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July

Friday, July 5 - Breakfast Club

Friday, July 12 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 20 - Breakfast Club

Sunday July 13 - **The Hunt of Summer**

August						
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August

Friday, Aug 2 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Aug 9 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 6:30 pm

Saturday, Aug 17 - Breakfast Club

- **August Hunt TBD**

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, June 7
Saturday, June 15
Friday, July 5
Saturday, July 20

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642**
for details or to get added to the email list.

Joining Eureka!

Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$33 per individual or \$42 for a family membership.

Please go to:

Eurekathc.org

Download and complete the application form under the *About* tab. Membership dues can be paid to the Treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

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

www.spreaker.com/admrr

Relic Roundup Radio Show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert, 7pm Mondays)

TenaciousTreasureTracker.com

See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues, and new merchandise available.

www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

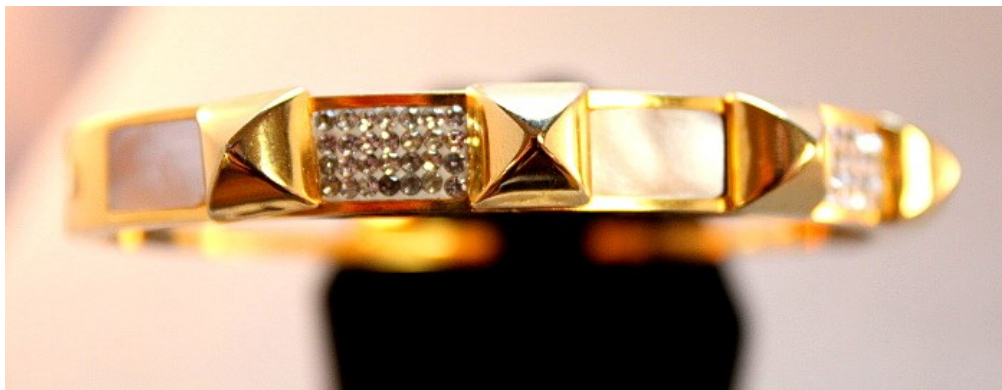
Compilation of the best weekly metal detecting channels and finds, by Ken King (Eureka! member). See his **Weekly Dirt** show at 3:00 PM on Sundays (and available thereafter)

www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

A variety channel of metal detecting, coin hunting, and other outdoor activities by Tony Frangella (Eureka! member) with his son, Caden.



Spring Treasures



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Find of the Month Winners - May

Coin - Cindy Bockenstedt

1865 3 Cent Nickel



**Found 2 inches deep in Colorado at a historic place that was researched
Found with the Nokta Legend**

Token - Lane Black

Boondocks Token



Found at a soccer field

Artifact - Tony Frangella

Rough Rider Medal



**Found at a No. CO homestead in a field,
Pres. Roosevelt attended the reunion.**

Find of the Month Winners - May (cont.)

Gold - Chris Davis

14K Green, Red & White Stones



Hit 5 tot lots in Parker, week before back surgery. 6” down

Jewelry - Dan Pierson

Sterling Silver Necklace w/ Blue Stone



Found at Mamie Dowd Eisenhower park 2” down

Find of the Month Winners - May (cont.)

Costume Jewelry- Jeff McClendon

Gaudy Men's Bling Ring



Found in an already dug hole in front lawn of Lake Middle School

Foreign Coin - Randy Sable

Japanese 500 Yen Coin



Found at an Englewood Park. Worth \$316 U.S.

GOLD CATEGORY

Chris Davis.....14K Gold Ring w/green, red white stones

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Dan Pierson.....925 Necklace

Chris Davis.....Silver Necklace Pendant

Robert Ahr.....Moonstone

Marty Stone.....Silver Ring

Mark Cochran.....Claddagh Ring

Marcus Lieberman.....Hajj Jewelry Bracelet

Shellie Zornes.....Ring

Marianne Singer.....Tungsten Ring

Shellie Zornes.....Cross

Cindy Bockenstedt.....Silver & Chrystal Pendant

Jeff McClendon.....Earring

Jeff McClendon.....Silver Ring

Jeff McClendon.....Cub Scout Ring

Jeff McClendon.....Carnelian Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....1865 3 Cent Nickel

Marcus Lieberman.....1957 Wheat Penny

Everett Johnson.....1955 Wheat Penny

Jeff Lubbert.....4th Century Roman Silver Coin

Jeff McClendon.....1902 Barber Dime

TOKEN CATEGORY

Lane Black.....Boondocks Token

Dan Pierson.....Car Wash Token

Everett Johnson.....Chuck E Cheese Token

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Gold: natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item, except gold coins which are entered in the Coin Category.

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.

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued by some person or entity, not of a governmental authority (with the exception of tax tokens), that could be redeemed for services or specified items. Advertisement tokens with no redeemable value are entered in the Artifact Category.

Artifact: simple object showing human workmanship or modification, and all other items that do not meet the criteria for other categories.

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

- Tony Frangella.....1905 Rough Riders Medal
- Lane Black.....Fake Peace Silver Dollar
- Lane Black.....Squaland Perry Token
- Marty Stone.....Coat of Arms Button
- Marcus Lieberman.....Skeleton Key
- Bruce Morton.....South Africa Medallion
- Jeff Lubbert.....Napolean Button
- Kari Willey.....1849 Colt Pistol Trigger
- Dan Buecker.....1951 Dog Tag
- Cindy Bockenstedt.....Brass Cap w/Makers Mark
- Cindy Bockenstedt.....Crotal Bell

COSTUME JEWELRY CATEGORY

- Jeff McClendon.....Bling Ring
- Greg LewisPendant
- Marty Stone.....Ring
- Dock Hroch.....Necklace
- Lane Black.....Peace Symbol
- Lane Black.....Ring

FOREIGN COIN CATEGORY

- Randy Sable.....Chinese 500 Yen
- Marcus Lieberman.....20 Pence England
- Lane Black.....Peso Coin
- Everett Johnston.....50 Polish Gadszy
- Chris Davis.....\$10 Mexican Pesos
- Bruce Morton.....25 cent Belize Coin
- Dan Pierson.....\$2 Australian
- Harden Scott.....QE 1974 Ten Cents

TEMPORARY FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Costume Jewelry: Jewelry designed for wear with current fashions and usually made of inexpensive materials: fashion jewelry crafted from non-precious materials. Materials may include a variety of base metals such as brass, copper, plastic, glass, synthetic/ simulated stones, textiles, leather and gold-plated / silver-plated base metals.

Foreign Coin: a piece of metal issued by any foreign governmental authority as money.



Secretary's Notes

by Nancy Faires

Eureka! THC Monthly Club Meeting May 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER 7:33 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday May 10, 2024 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood with approximately 56 members and guests present.

Welcome – Jeff Lubbert, President

Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler

FIND OF THE MONTH TEMPORARY RESOLUTION DEFINITIONS discussion with suggestions from members

SPEAKERS

April – “Detecting Safely in Parks” – Jerrod Lippert

May – Trip to England – Jeff L, Ron & Linda Erickson

June – Permissions – James Huntley



HUNTS

April 21 – Dream Teams - Lee P #30 participants

May 18 – Dock’s Midnight Pinball Machine – Dock Hroch Majestic View Park, Arvada, CO \$30

June 22 – Let’s Make a Deal - Joyce

Breakfast Club – meets the 1st Friday and the 3rd Saturday monthly at Lookin’ Good Restaurant, Lakewood



FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Chris Davis

Coin – Cindy B

Artifact – Tony F

Token – Lane Black

Jewelry – Dan P

Costume Jewelry –Jeff M

Foreign Coin – Randy Sable



COIN DRAWINGS

1843 Seated Liberty Half Dime – Steve Erickson

1942 D Walking Liberty Half – Dan P

1928 S Standing Liberty Quarter – Marianne Singer Mann

Ancient Roman Bronze – Stephanie Hobbs

1817 Large Cent – Blaine P

1909 VDB Lincoln Cent – John Olson

1867 Nickel 3 Cent – John Olson

1922 S Peace Dollar – Shellie Z

1867 Shield Nickel – Mark C

1936 S Buffalo Nickel (AU) – Steve Erickson



Second Chances

Pocket Spiegel – Brice Y

Pocket Spiegel – Kari W

Copper Coin – Marty S

Copper Coin – James Bullard

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50/50 – Dock Hroch

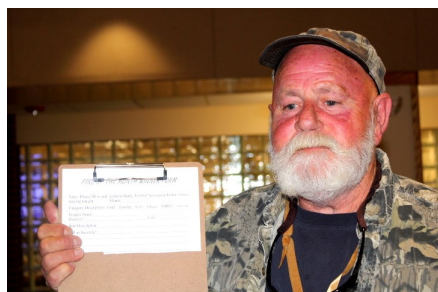
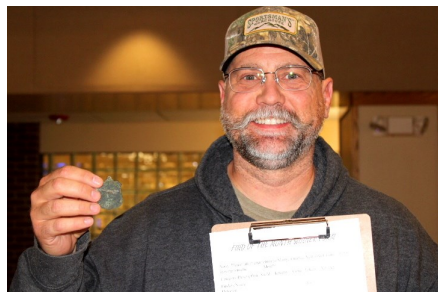
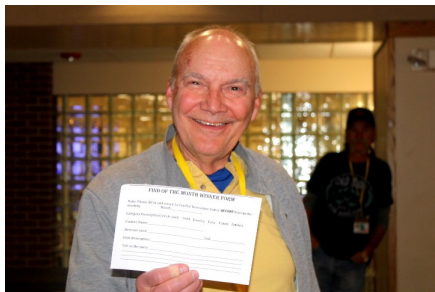
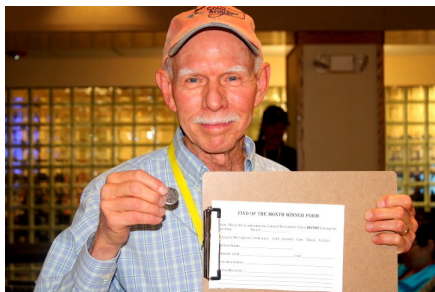
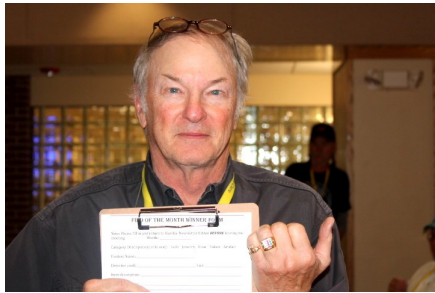
HOLIDAY – 1928 D Peace Dollar – Greg L

MEMBERSHIP – Shellie Z

ADJOURN 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires
Secretary
Eureka! THC



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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 \$33 for single adult membership, \$42 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

The June 14th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m.
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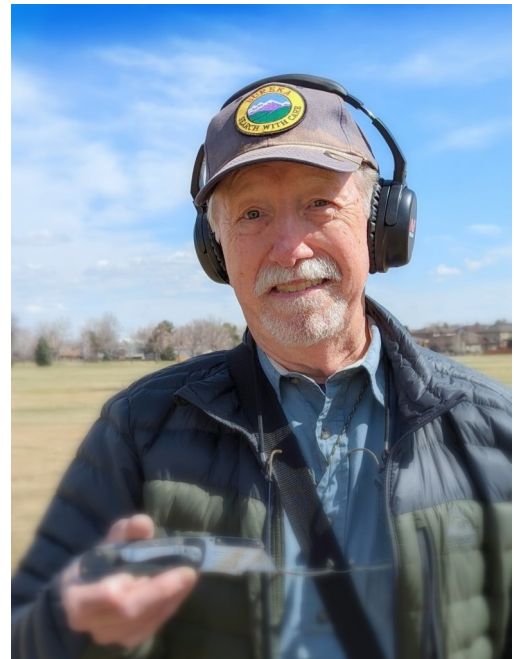
A Fairwell To Bruce

by Norm Ruggles



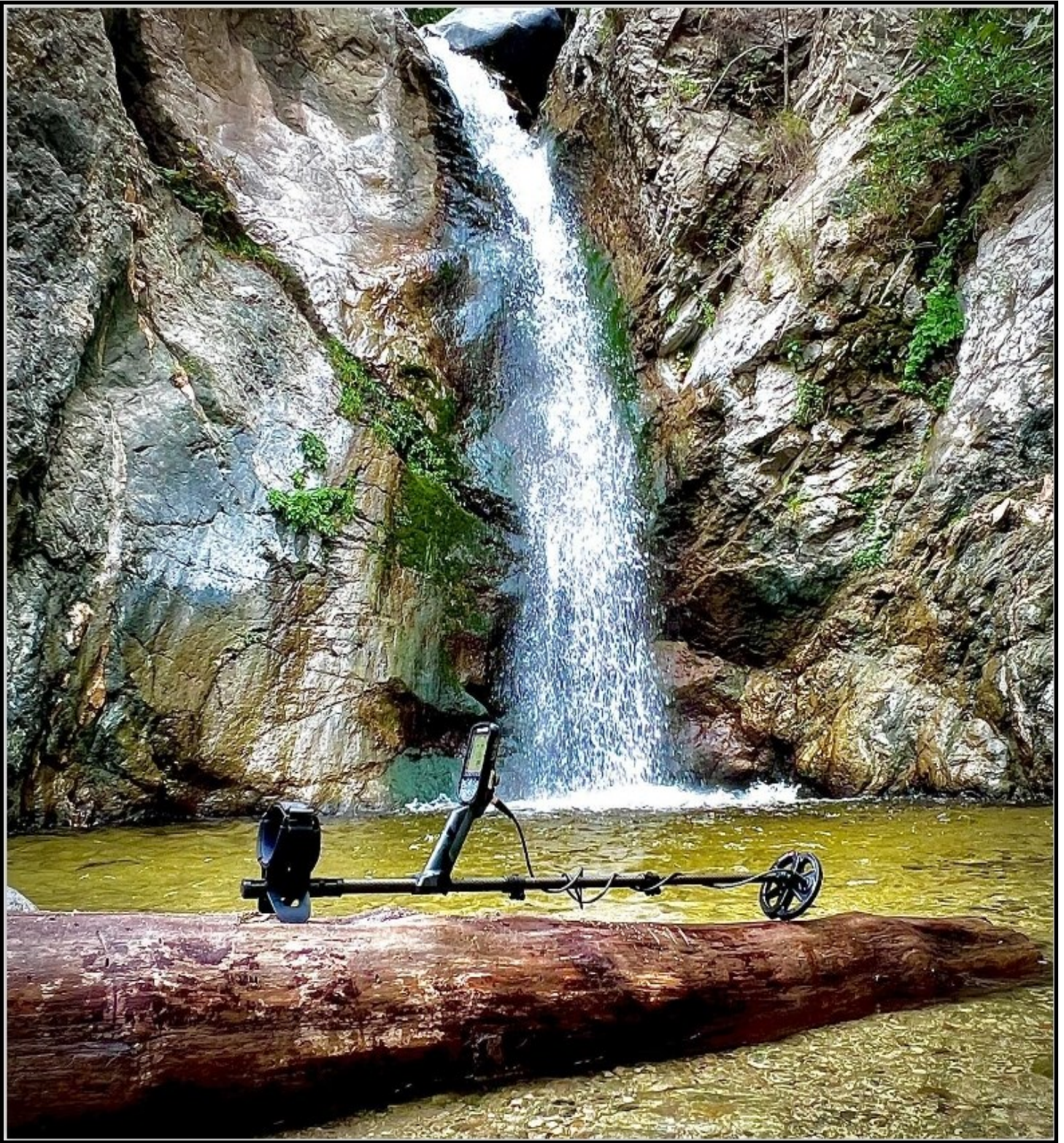
I'm sure I wasn't the only Eureka member who was surprised and a bit forlorn to read Bruce Morton's "Farewell" message on page 35 of our May *Soundoff*. Bruce, my wife Sue and I joined Eureka at just about the same time in 2015. We've had a special bond ever since. After seeing his "Farewell", I jotted down the following five things about Bruce Morton.

1. Bruce is a great volunteer. He helps wherever needed at our monthly club meetings. He shows up early for club hunts and helps plant coins and other targets, and otherwise helps the hunt master to get everything set up and ready.
2. Although Bruce doesn't participate in club hunts, he generously donates a prize or prizes in the amount of the registration fee. He doesn't ask for anything in return.
3. As the editor of *Soundoff*, Bruce elevated the quality of the club newsletter. It was fine before he became editor, but when he took over he added content and photography that turned a good newsletter into a great newsletter.
4. Bruce has been a loyal and dependable member of our Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART). He took time away from his employment to help with our HART projects whenever possible. It was always nice to have him on the team.
5. Bruce is friendly toward everyone. He is always happy to see his detecting buddies and goes out of his way to make newcomers feel welcome. He takes time to help new detectorists learn how to use their detectors and get them started on the right foot in our hobby.



You may not know it, but Bruce is an Army veteran who served in Vietnam. He's the real deal. So it seems fitting that we should salute our good friend Bruce and wish him the very best as he heads off to a new home and adventures in Idaho! Keep in touch buddy!

P.S. Bruce, Idaho recently raised its speed limit to 90 miles per hour. Now you can get out of there even faster!



“Keep your love of nature, for that is the true way to understand art more and more.”

- *Vincent Van Gogh*

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