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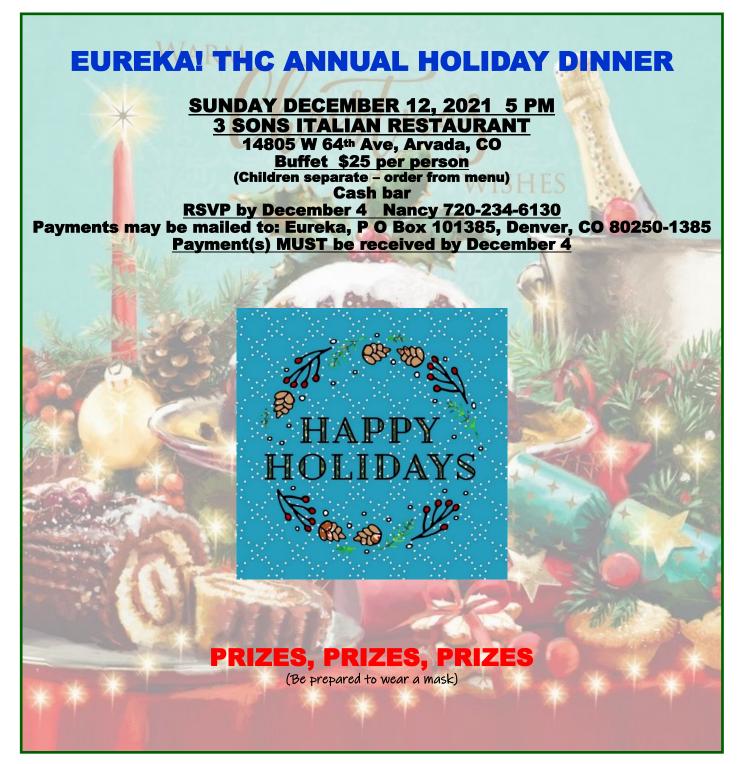


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The weather we are having is both a blessing and a curse. It is great to be able to get out most days but the ground is bone dry. I can hardly push a probe in the ground. Digging a three sided hole... I try not to do it very often because I don't want to leave a mess. My motto is to leave no trace and that is becoming difficult. My wife bought me an early Christmas present, an Equinox 600. I'm excited to learn how to use it properly. I took it out on a test run the other day in a park that I have been to recently but doesn't get a lot of use. The first thing that happened was the headphones that came with it didn't work. After consulting with my dealer, we decided to use the speaker. What an experience. I've been using headphones for my entire hunting career. It did take some getting used to. I promptly ordered some wireless headphones. I charged them up today and will be out tomorrow to try them out (after I read the manual again). I have read it about three times and thought I had the operation down. Wrong! I did manage to get things working enough to find a few coins but after going home and reading the manual again, I got a few things mixed up. The manual had to be downloaded to my laptop so I can't just take it with me. Well, I suppose I could. It is better for me to keep reading the manual at home. I bought a Minelab Explorer when they first came out. The learning curve was about a year and then I never did learn its full potential. Of course, I don't think I read the manual as many times as I have now. I'm going to read certain chapters again tomorrow while I'm waiting for the temperature to warm up a bit. I think I can pair up the detector and the headphones from what I read today. I think I read somewhere about my smartphone getting involved. Hopefully my hearing aids that are on Bluetooth too still work when I'm done. Isn't technology fun? I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. I'll probably be reading my Equinox manual.

Happy trails,

Roy

SAVE THE DATE!

EUREKA! THC FOOD DRIVE

Food Bank of the Rockies DECEMBER 10, 2021

Please bring cash or non-perishable food items to donate.

Thank you



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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.









I, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave my worldly possessions to...

Many of us have filled out the above words with some variations. But what is your wife or children going to do with all the relics and treasures you have spent a lifetime accumulating? Will they put them in a yard sale at giveaway prices that would cause you to roll over in your grave? Would they put them into a local auction that charge 30% of the sell price and might not have the right people there to appreciate it? Would they trust one of your friends to dispose of the collection for you? Think about that breastplate, belt buckle, display case full of bullets or even your metal detector going for \$5 at a yard sale. Scary, ain't it? Regrettably, this scenario is played out more and more. Most of the time your wife and children do not realize the value of your items or know the correct way of disposing of your collection. Sure, a few key items will be kept and handed down but the rest may be considered "junk" that you kept around for years. Giving written instructions and specific value guides will help them in their time of grief. Be sure to give realistic values to your relics. metal detectors. knives. reference guns, material. antiques, arrowheads, jewelry, oddities and other such items. Some of these items may have more sentimental value than actual value, so keep it real. Update this list from time to time as pricing changes over the years. Hopefully, from the first time you make this list to your leaving day, you will add to and increase the pricing of many of your items. Another idea is to add some pictures of key pieces in your collection so they will know what you are talking about when you say "US Belt plate #3".

Speaking of pictures, don't forget to select some for a tribute picture slide show at the funeral home. This will show others your passion of detecting and give your detecting friends a smile. Your family may not think of this. You may want to have some of your items go to friends or others that have done some-

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thing for you in the past. An old digging tool may not realize much money but your digging buddy may smile when he sees it sitting on his shelf with a picture of the two of you. Procrastination is a bad habit. Take the time to lighten some of the load off your loved ones. If you do not want to do some of these steps at least be sure to leave your loved ones my name and number. Five bucks for a Civil War buckle sounds good to me.

One last thing: write some of your experiences down for your loved ones to read. Mention names in those funny or serious stories. This is to help them understand you, your love of the hobby, and your friendships. But a word of warning, not all stories need to be written down. I speak from experience. A couple of years ago I came mighty close to meeting my maker. I realized my wife and son would have been left with a great burden of trying to figure out what to do with my accumulation. I am still working on my list and I hope I get to keep adding to it.

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Submitted by Alan Bravo



JANUARY IS TOO COLD TO HUNT!

Eureka! Treasure Hunter's Club

Metal Detecting Swap Meet Event at:

The Lloyd G. Clements Center in the Aspen Balsam Conifer Room

Jan 9th 2022 From 10am to 1pm

You may bring **Detecting** and **Treasure Hunting** related equipment to **sell**Get your name on the Signup List for a Seller's table

No Event Fee
There will be a **Coin Drawing** at the Event

Bring your **Equipment** and your **Questions** and your **Detecting Stories**

Questions: Linda Kibler 303 517 1189

Speaker for the December Meeting

Our speaker at the Dec. 10, 2021 club meeting will be Ray Sumner, who is a Colorado State University instructor, anthropology/archaeology doctoral candidate, and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel. Our Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART) has worked extensively with Ray on the Julesburg Project in far northeastern Colorado. HART detected fields near Julesburg for 9 days in 2019 and 7 days in 2021. We collected hundreds of artifacts related to the historic Battle of Julesburg in January 1865, where Indians and soldiers fought following the infamous Sand Creek Massacre. Ray will give us a status report on the project. In addition, he will discuss a mission to northern France that took place in August to search the crash site of a B-17 bomber from WWII. Ray was the Project Manager of this mission which was conducted on behalf of the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and CSU's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands. Ray assembled a team of archaeologists and metal detectorists who worked together on this important mission. Ray is an engaging, enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker. Please plan to attend this interesting presentation!

Norm Ruggles











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2021 Morgan Dollar by Jeff Lubbert

Some of you may know but I am guessing most of you don't know, the reason I started metal detecting was to enhance my coin collection. This newfound hobby for me started around 1978 to 1980 (yah, I have been detecting a while). I have since shifted my detecting from coin shooting to relic hunting but realistically, I consider myself an opportunist detectorist. This means that if the opportunity arises for me to go detecting, I will do it no matter what type of detecting it is.

With that being said, I still have a coin collection and am still an active coin collector. When the mint announced that it was going to produce both Morgan and Peace silver dollars in 2021, I was However, have been greatly Ι disappointed in the Mint's ability to keep their website up during the release of some of their recent very popular releases. The Mint was going to release these new Morgan dollars in all of the original mint marks with the coins being minted at the designated mints. Though the Carson City and the New Orleans mints are no longer operational, those coins were to be minted in Philadelphia and the "mint mark" was what they call a privy mark. This means that it is not officially a mint mark but rather a raised portion of silver with the "mint marks" CC or O infused into that raised portion of metal. Morgan Dollars were originally minted in Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, Carson City and Denver. In 1921 the Peace Dollar was only minted in Philadelphia, so the 2021 Peace Dollar was only minted in Philly as well.



The Mint experienced severe technical issues during the first release, the CC and O privy marked coins. There were thousands of complaints reported to the mint and with the limit of 175,000 pieces for each mint mark there was no margin for error if you hoped to get your order in. I was one of those people who couldn't get my order in. To say I was disappointed would be a huge understatement, I really wanted to get a full set (actually I wanted 2 sets) of the 2021 Morgan Dollars. The original issue price of the 2021 Morgan and Peace dollars was set at \$85 per coin. Considering that the coin was .858 ounce of silver it was a bit steep of a price to pay but I was more than willing to pay it. After my failed attempt to get my coins ordered I was resigned to the face that I was not going to get the set that I desperately wanted.

Along comes the Monopoly hunt hosted by Dan Pierce. It was a fun hunt with a couple of fun twists. Dan encouraged trading of coins found for property tokens. When the hunt started, I found a multitude of coins, including sliver dimes, quarters along with a bunch of clad. Property tokens were eluding me for several minutes then I managed to swing my coil over the light blue Connecticut Avenue property. From there I was on a mad dash to try to trade for another light blue property.

Finally, I found Oriental Avenue and I ended up trading a silver dime and an Indian Head Cent for it. I wish I could remember who I traded with to get it. I kept searching for targets hidden in the grass all the while asking everyone I came across if they had a light blue property. With only a few minutes left in the hunt I heard that both John Olson and John Hinton both had dark blue properties I made my way over to John O and told him hoping he would get the first Monopoly. As they were working out a trade, I came upon Everett who had the last light blue property. I quickly worked out a deal with Everett for a silver quarter for his Vermont Avenue. I made my way over to Dan to let him know that I had a Monopoly, the first one to get reported to him, for which he gave me a 3-D printed token. Knowing Dan, I was pretty sure that the prize for a first Monopoly would be good, heck I knew that he had a gold coin to give away.

After all of the prizes were given out Dan made the announcement that he was going to give out the prize for the first Monopoly and I was expecting a Dos Peso, which I would have been extremely happy with. But when Dan pulled out the 2021-D Morgan dollar I was literally pushed to tears. I have been going through a pretty rough patch in life lately and this one ray of sunshine was really needed at that point in time. Of course, now I need to finish off the complete 2021Morgan series and I might as well get the 2021 Peace Dollar as well. Thanks Dan, you are going to cost me some serious money! In all seriousness, this one prize could have been not given out but was due to Dan's generosity and it really did make a HUGE difference in my outlook in life.

THANK YOU Dan!!





Eureka 2021-22 Calendar



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December 2021

Wednesday, Dec 1 - Board Meeting

Friday, Dec 3 - Breakfast Club - Publication date for December Soundoff

Friday, Dec 10 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 12 - Christmas Dinner

Saturday, Dec 18 - Breakfast Club

January -2022

Friday, January 7 - Breakfast Club

Sunday, January 9 - Swap Meet

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

Saturday, January 15 - Breakfast Club

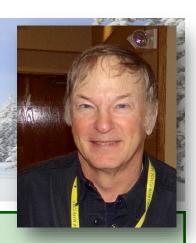
February -2022

Friday, February 4 - Breakfast Club

Friday, February 11 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 19 - Breakfast Club

Breakfast - Clubby Chris Davis

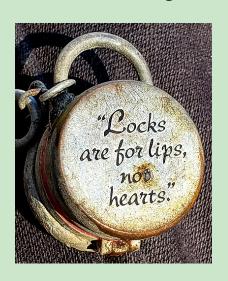


Friday, Nov 5, 2021

The Breakfast Club journeyed over to the West Bar Val Wood Park to make its November 5 hunt. The ground was a bit hard, but temperatures were perfect. Not too hot, not too cold. It was just right.

West Bar Val Wood Park is a very old park, and we found enough garbage to prove it. As Marty said, "this is the park where bottle caps and aluminum shards go to die". Oh well, we couldn't complain

about lack of targets.







Unfortunately, we did not make any great jewelry finds, but 2 non-precious metal rings were recovered. Mark C. got one, Bob H. got another. Bob also picked up an interesting bracelet and a heart bendant.



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Michael W. dug up a neat Washington D.C. Capitol Building Medallion. Roy N. excavated an amusing lock/box.

Bob H. did best on change with \$11.49. No-one else even got close to that. Jeff M. had \$6.13, and a very nice loaded .25 Auto pistol

round. Roy had \$4.56.













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November 20, 2021



The weather is finally starting to change a bit. Lows were in the 30's, with highs in the 50's. When the clouds were over, it was cool. When the sun was out, it warmed up considerably. Overall, it was a fine day to be out. And, we moved the starting time for the winter Breakfast Club outings to 10:00.

After breakfast, we drove over to Robinson Park for our hunt.

We did not expect to find a great deal of change at Robinson, but chances for jewelry were good. And so it came to pass. We made some very nice finds on the day. With the

exception of Brice Y., we did not find much change. Last I heard, Brice Y. had 18 quarters. Bob H. came in second with \$3.05. I think I had a massive \$1.58.

Greg L. picked a nice Canadian Loonie coin. Mary S. recovered an Old Timer pocket knife. I laid my rusty pocket knife down beside it for comparison. I do not waste a lot of time oiling my knife.



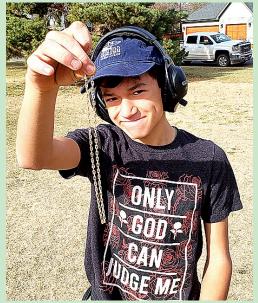
Bruce M. found a hash pipe, being from the Boulder area, I am sure he can use.

Dan P. dug up a silver dime, 1953. Roy got a silver Teddy Bear

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pendant and a 1942S Wheatie. Marty S. also got a Wheatie. I think the best find of the day was a silver necklace found by Raffaele.

Six of us went on over to Cranmer Park for one last try. I actually did quite well finding a small silver ring and a silver Tiffany's necklace pendant.











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Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

For in-person meetings, bring:

Name tags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions

<u>Cash</u> ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! Merchandise

Finds ~ to share

Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

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

















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Detector & Archaeological Clubs

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TenaciousTreasureTracker.com
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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.



Finds for Christmas









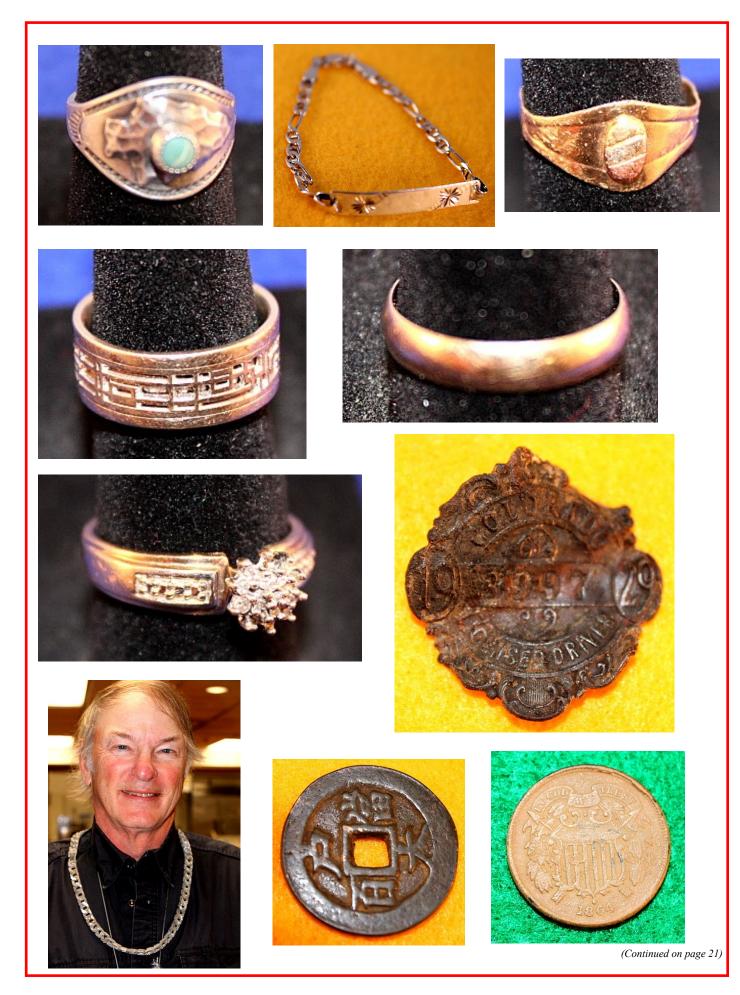






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Find of the Month Winners – November 2021

Coin - Ken King

1851 \$1 Gold Coin





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Artifact- Beth Driscoll

Indian Trade Point

Token - Alan Bravo

Shave Cream Token



Found 2 inches in the ground, been digging can slaw all day. And BAM! There it was! Found w/ Equinox 600



Found at a 1901 Scrape-off with a White's V3i

Find of the Month Winners - November 2021

GOLD - Chris Davis

10K Woman's Ring



Found at a tot lot, found with an XP Deus with an 11" coil

Jewelry - Chris Davis

Silver Bracelet



Found at a tot lot under a swing, found with an XP Deus with an 11" coil

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Г		Chris Davis10K Woman's Gold Ring
		Chris Davis
•		Chris Davis18K Tiny Ring Marty Stone14K Wedding Band
N		Marianne Singer14K Jesus Pendant
•		JEWELRY CATEGORY
D		Chris Davis Silver Bracelet
		Dan PiersonSilver Ring
		Chris Davis Necklace
		Marianne Singer
O	E	Norm Ruggles Silver Bracelet
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F	N	Alan BravoSilver Ring w/ Stones
	T	COIN CATEGORY Ken King1851 \$1 Gold Coin
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M		Beth Driscoll
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		Dan Pierson
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		Norm RugglesNo Place For Hate Pin
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FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

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

<u>Jewelry</u>: 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.

<u>Token</u>: 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.

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

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Secretary's Notes by Nancy Faires

Eureka! THC Club Meeting November 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER 7:31 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday November 12, 2021 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood, CO. There were approximately 50 members and guests present.

Welcome – Roy Neys, President Thank you to all of our veterans Treasurer's Report – Linda Kibler

Speaker via Zoom – Sue Knous - Railroad Memorabilia

Old Business

The coin buy-back, although successful, is suspended until after the first of the year when we have new Board members.

Board member (2021 – 2023) nomination(s) (replacing Alan Bravo) Marcus Lieberman - elected

Eureka! will donate \$500 to the Food Bank of the Rockies in December. Donations of cash or non-perishable food items are requested to be brought to the December Club meeting.















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Business

Due to Covid-19, the annual December dessert exchange is canceled. Annual Awards – canceled due to Covid-19

Finds of the Year – bring your finds to the January 2022 Club meeting. We will have a Show-N-Tell to acknowledge all the cool finds of the year.

Nominations for 4 Board members to replace Linda Erickson, Win Faires, Jeff Lubbert and Brian Henry. Nominations will continue in December.

Jeff Lubbert Brice Young







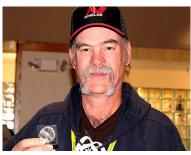




HUNTS

Oct 10 – Lord of the Rings – Robby Ferrufino Park - Marty Stone Nov 14 – Monopoly – Majestic View Park, \$25 - Dan Pierson

Dec 12 – Holiday Dinner/Party – 3 Sons Italian Restaurant \$25/person, RSVP deadline Dec 4 - Nancy





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FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold - Chris Davis

Coin – Ken King

Artifact – Beth Driscoll

Token – Alan Bravo

Jewelry - Chris Davis

COIN DRAWINGS

1853 Seated liberty silver dime with arrows – Everett Johnston

1904 Barber dime – Sue Ruggles

1865 3-cent piece – Marcus Lieberman

One troy oz US Assay Office silver round – Steve Rex

One troy oz silver round Buffalo nickel motif – Mark Cochran

One troy oz US Assay Office silver round – Dan Buecker

1889 Morgan silver dollar – Joyce Keith

1941 S Walking liberty silver ½ dollar – Dan Pierson

24K plated gold dollar die/stamp – Mark Voth

1893 Columbian Exposition 50 cent piece -

1893 Columbian Exposition Keystone Watch Fob – George Grimberg

1863 Patriotic Civil War token French Lib Army/Navy – Jeff Lubbert

Second Chance Drawing

1965 F die cracked quarter – Chris Davis

1993 D one cent penny – Mary Norden

1950 D raised letter wheat penny – Dan Buecker

1946 D die crack wheat penny – Joe Johnston

50/50 – Roy Neys

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING - Marcus Lieberman

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the meeting.

ADJOURN

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 Members have voting privileges. seminars. 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 Dec 10th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m. www.eurekathc.org



