

# *The Soundoff*

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*Winter Hunt*

*at the*

*Lazy Heart Ranch*

(Hwy 93 and W. 82nd Ave)

**Sunday, February 13th, 2022  
11 AM**

**Members Only - \$15 Hunt Fee  
Please RSVP and pay by the February Club Meeting  
(Lots of tokens for prizes!)**

**Contact Kevyn Llewellyn  
303-931-9582**

**Kevyn will notify participants if the hunt needs  
to be rescheduled due to the weather.  
If notified, the hunt will be rescheduled for  
2/20/22**

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# The Prez Sez

by Roy Neys

## Look on the Sunny Side of the Street

That pretty much says it all for metal detecting in February. I'm getting tired of piling up snow and we have three more months to go. I'm also looking forward to Kevyn's Hunt this month. Although, this hunt may be a bit of a challenge. Yes, it will be cold. Yes, there is a very good chance that there will be snow on the ground. It sounds like a good time to see all my friends. I can hear the grumbles already, but once you put on your knee pads and headphones you will start to warm up. The secret to winter outings is to keep your feet dry and keep your head warm. I'm not looking for a date so I will be wearing layers of warm clothing, boots and a hat. In case we get a fully sunny day, you might want to wear a little sunscreen. You can really get burned from the glare off of the snow. That's just one day, where else do you go if you get a nice day to hunt in the winter? Personally, I like hills with a southern exposure. This is the last place to freeze and the first place to thaw out. My second choice is hills with a western exposure. These don't get the day long sun but do get the afternoon sun which is usually the warmest of the day. Sidewalks and curbs on the sunny side are a good choice. Under trees, especially if the needles or leaves are thick. This will insulate the ground and may allow a little probing. Or, you can go to a tot lot with a hammer and a screwdriver.

Happy Trails,

*Roy*





# *Linda Kibler's* **Swap Meet**

On January 9th, Linda Kibler arranged a swap meet that was held at the Clement's Center. Many people showed up to find a great selection of metal detectors, metal detecting accessories, clothing, books and magazines for sale (some being given away). Dan P and John H brought in some handy little items that were made using a 3-D printer (such as a pin pointer cap opener). Great deals were made at very reasonable prices. Jeff Bezos, eat your heart out!



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# Please Welcome Our Newest Board Members!

By Bruce Morton



## Sue Ruggles

A member since “about 2015”, Sue is joining the board for the first time. She has, however, been instrumental in the HART program and has assisted Norm Ruggles with board activity and club hunts in the past. Originally from Pennsylvania, she has lived in multiple states as the daughter of an Air Force service member.

In Colorado since 1964, Sue is retired from technical work in computers and IT. Starting the hobby when she joined Eureka, she now uses a Minelab Equinox 800 to hunt relics, her favorite type of detecting.

## Marcus Lieberman

A sitting board member, after assuming the position vacated by Alan Bravo, Marcus has been with Eureka about 3 ½ years. He began detecting when he joined us.

Hailing from Brooklyn, NY, he’s been in Colorado since 1977. A Geologist by education and training (master’s degree Brooklyn College) he has held multiple interesting jobs including that of cartographer for the USGS. Marcus also worked in the Geology section of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Between receiving his bachelor’s degree and entering the master’s program he served in the US Army in Vietnam in 1968-69. Marcus enjoys social detecting functions using his XP ORX model detector.



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## Brice Young

In Colorado for 35 years, Brice hails from Michigan. He spent four years in the Navy (1962-66) and is a retired letter carrier from Golden. He is also a casino chip collector, now mostly concentrating on Colorado chips he has sold his large collection of items from all other states.

A club member for nearly 3 years, he's been detecting since 1970 and is now using a Garratt AT Pro. Local detecting, club hunts, and breakfast club are his favorite endeavors at present. This is his first term as a board member.



## Sheri Muehlbauer

This is Sheri's third time devoting her time and energy to the club as a member of the board of directors. We are certainly indebted to Sheri for such service. She's been a member "for about 10 years" and started detecting when she joined Eureka.

A native Coloradan, Sheri is a retired Federal employee and prior to this was a Laboratory Technician. She prefers "social hunts" like club hunts and breakfast club adventures. At this point she's swinging a Minelab Equinox 600.



# Eureka 2022 Calendar

February						
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**February - 2022**

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

Sunday, February 13 - *Winter Hunt*

Saturday, February 19 - Breakfast Club

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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**March - 2022**

Wednesday, March 2 - Board Meeting

Friday, March 4 - Breakfast Club

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

Saturday, March 19 - Breakfast Club

April						
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**April - 2022**

Friday, April 1 - Breakfast Club

Friday, April 8 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 16 - Breakfast Club





# Not All Stories Have a Happy Ending

by Bill Chapman with Joyce Keith



Prior to starting a club meeting several months ago, Joyce Keith {Coinhuna 2007} and I were talking. She had a story to tell from her youth. As a young girl of around 10 years of age, she grew up in a Commerce City neighborhood. In that same neighborhood, only a couple of blocks from the family home, there was a small market where, among other goods, candy was sold. Joyce knew where her mother kept a small jar of coins, and as this was pre-1964, the coins would have been silver. Now, Joyce had her mind set on getting some candy that day, so she 'liberated' one of the dimes from the jar without her mother's knowledge and headed toward the market. There wasn't an easy direct route because of the layout of the streets, so she, like many of the other kids in the neighborhood, had created a shortcut between two of the homes that sat between her street and the street the market was on. This path was used regularly and frequently so except in times of rain or snow, it was just dirt.



Little Joyce was happily on her way down the path, tossing the dime into the air and catching it, until on one toss, she missed the catch and



the dime fell onto the loose dirt. After looking for some time, she failed to find her treasured coin and went back home without either the coin or the candy she desired. That was nearly sixty years previous from her telling me this story. Treasure stories have a way of coming to the front of my mind from time to time, and this one, although only about a lost silver dime, was no different. The weather for the third week of November has been unseasonably warm and pleasant in the Denver metro area this year, and I had the urge to find a treasure. I phoned Joyce and asked her if she would like to solve the

mystery of that missing silver dime to which she agreed to do. Since telling me the story, it had been on her mind also. I picked Joyce up Friday morning and she directed me to her old hood.

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With the passage of time, there had been some changes to the old hood. Her childhood home was still there but a chain link fence now separated the shortcut from the street, and a rather new elementary school yard had been built less than a block away. Still, that shortcut was visible. Our plan was to knock on the door of the house, explain the story and ask permission to detect the path. Our treasure visions evaporated right before our eyes when we discovered that the property containing the shortcut, now behind a chain link fence, was obviously vacant. Undaunted, Joyce knocked on some neighboring doors and was fortunate enough to meet Matt at the

house next door. Matt was sort of caretaking the vacant home as well as the cats that had been abandoned when the people moved out. This was a stroke of good fortune as Matt, once Joyce told him the story was agreeable to us being there. As a side note, Matt had moved from a neighborhood in Arvada into Joyce's childhood neighborhood and Joyce now lives in Matt's childhood neighborhood. They knew many of the same places and neighborhood histories.



As it was Joyce's story, she would detect while I documented the hunt and the all-too-easy success that we knew would come from it. Matt, incidentally, had a metal detector gathering dust in his garage and had never thought of hunting the neighboring yard. We invited him to come as a guest to a Eureka meeting. The expected easy hunt was anything but easy. Joyce recovered a half dozen

other coins from the small area where she remembered losing the dime. There was also a couple of bolts, bottle caps, foil, foil and more foil, assorted other items, but the lost dime remains at large. As searches for lost items go, the loser always knows exactly where the item was lost and it should be the only metal item in the ground. No, that would be too easy. Although we were almost certainly on the right area, perhaps another trash target masked the signal from the dime, or ground disturbances buried it below the range of detection? Or, some other lucky person using the neighborhood shortcut found it in the decades after its loss. Whatever the reason, we left without finding the treasure.

Thus, not all stories have a happy ending, but the greatest of all treasure finds are the friendships we find.

# Upcoming Events

## NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

For in-person meetings, bring:

Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! merchandise

Finds ~ to share

Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

## UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

**Saturday, Feb 19 - Breakfast Club**

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

## LINKED WEB SITES

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk

[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org) Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

[www.spreaker.com/admrr](http://www.spreaker.com/admrr)

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

[TenaciousTreasureTracker.com](http://TenaciousTreasureTracker.com)

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

[www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt](http://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](http://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.



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# A SURPRISING FIND

BY TOM ZYMALI



For one of the last hunts this past year in November, we went out to a park in northern Illinois. It was after a Halloween festival, so we were checking for surface items. This area of the park was odd because we kept pulling up large fishing sinkers.

Yes, there was a lake in the park but not near here. These were large sinkers, the type with which you go to the bottom of the lake. It wasn't just one or two sinkers, it was more like five. And, come to think of it, we had been in this area before and had dug up a few of these in the past. Truly odd.

As we were digging, we dug out aluminum cans which is not unusual. But these cans were unusually flat (at least that's what I kept telling myself). We kept searching, and eventually I came across a signal that was maybe a couple of inches down, hitting hard in the copper range. Or, maybe it was bronze.

I decided to dig the target as we were pretty much digging everything at that point. What came out of the ground was a rather large coin about the size of a half dollar. I have seen large coins like this before, especially from Mexico, so I was braced for a coin that wasn't worth too much money because many were de-monetized and are cool to collect but not worth much.



I asked my friend to take a look at it because I am totally blind. He was expecting some sort of a foreign coin as well and began to clean it off. He then said, "I don't think this is from Mexico. I see the word "Progress." Then, he began to notice the word "Ford."

After closely examining the coin, we identified it as a token from the Ford Motor Company. It was a commemorative coin celebrating 30 years of the V-8 engine. Yes! 30 years after the V-8 engine was first built placing it as a token from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. These tokens were also handed out in Detroit from Ford but only from that year (that I know of). It's in tremendous shape and has a beautiful patina.

So, why was this coin here? I think they dredged the lake to flatten out an area of the park.

This was clearly soil from deeper in the lake. This coin was probably thrown into the lake many, many years ago. What are the odds!!

The coin is worth a little bit as a collectible from the World's Fair, but it is worth a lot more to me as my grandfather had built a train that ran in that World's Fair. What are the odds that I would find that token in the middle of a park!

I have been metal detecting for about 12 years now. I have found many things - gold, silver rings, bracelets, you name it, but this was one of those odd finds that is truly cool!!! This is why I love metal detecting. I am probably one of the only totally blind people that I know of that metal detect, but I truly love this hobby!

It took me a long time to memorize all the settings on my Minelab Equinox, but I found that it was possible to do so. I am so thankful that Minelab made this metal detector so that everyone could use it and enjoy the hobby!


I hope this post inspires you to a great new upcoming season!




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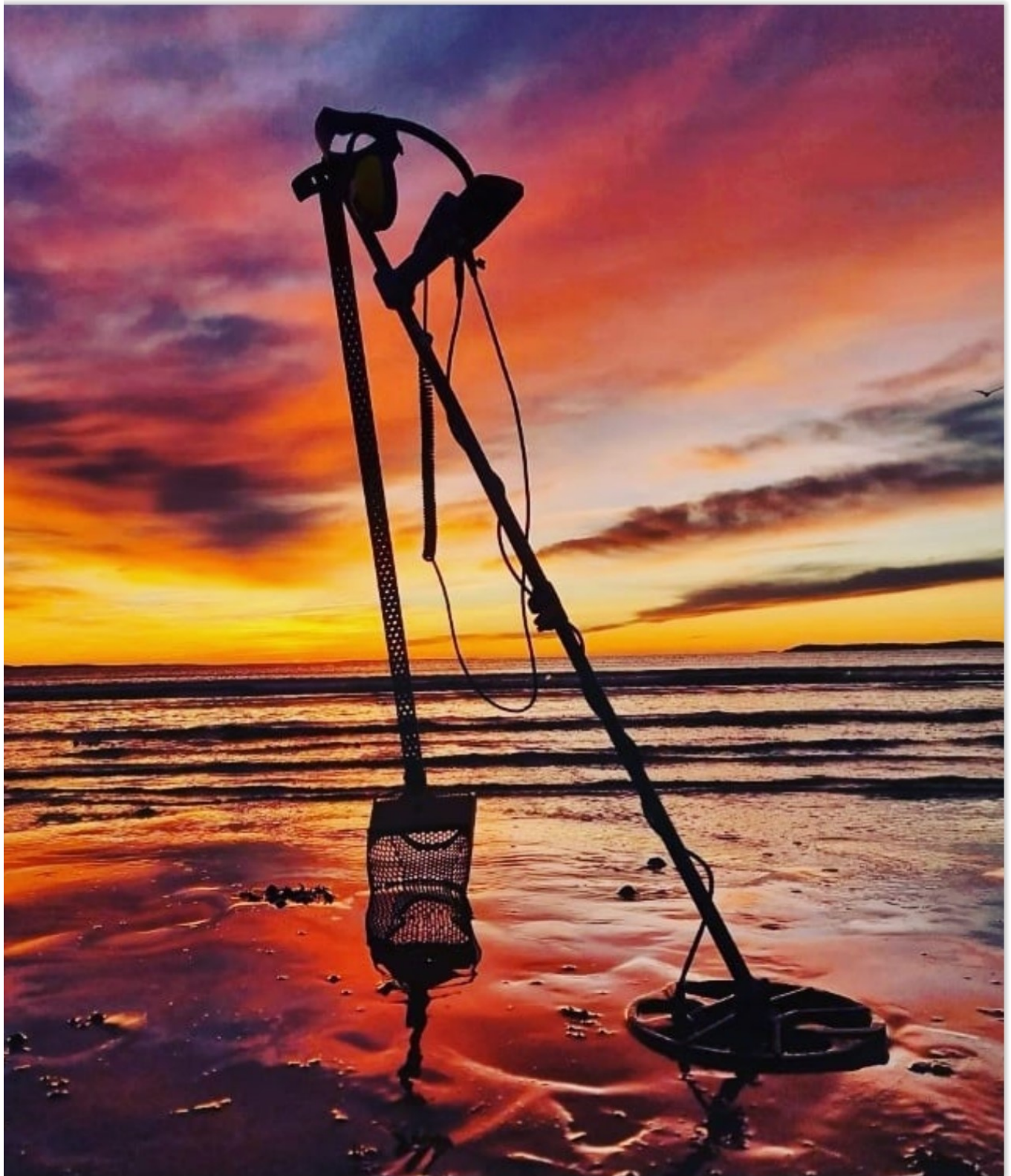
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be held at the Clements  
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