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# Spring Fling 2022

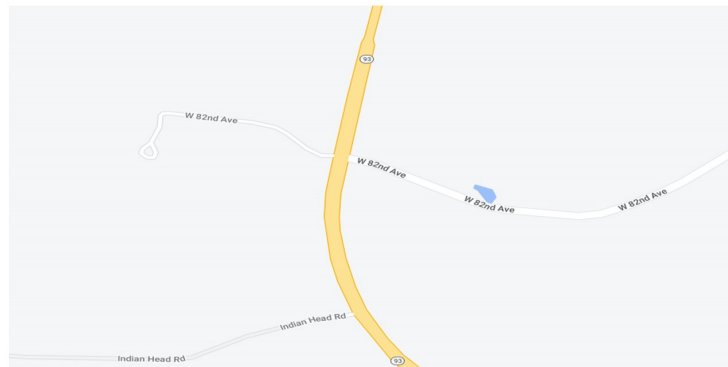
**When: Sunday March 13th, 1:00 PM**

**Where: Lazy Heart Ranch  
(8189 Highway 93, Golden, CO)**

**Who: Eureka! THC members**

**Why: Why not?**

**Cost: \$20 per Participant**



**Questions? Contact Jeff Lubbert at 303-618-5179**



In memory of  
**Eleanor Paxton  
Smith Garrett**

Mother. Entrepreneur. Educator.



**Mrs. Eleanor Garrett, owner of Garrett Metal Detectors, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**

**In lieu of flowers, anyone desiring to make a donation can do so in memory of Eleanor Garrett to:**

**Sam Houston University Foundation, P.O. Box 2537 Huntsville, TX 77341-2537.**





# The Prez Sez "Almost AU"

by Roy Neys

The Spring of Hope is Eternal If you missed Kevyn's Winter Hunt out at the ranch you missed a really good hunt. I think 25 signed up and most everyone made it. We even had a couple of new members involved. My new Equinox 600 was hitting on all cylinders. The soil was moist and easy to dig in. I got to try my hand at digging some deep signals that sounded good and VDI'ed as good targets. Normally, I don't do that well out at the ranch but I more than broke even with 4 silver dimes I found at about 4-5 inches as well as a war nickel that was left over from previous hunts. You never know what you may find out at the ranch. If you haven't been to a hunt there you are in for a treat. No trash except for a little barbed wire or the occasional nail. I got a solid hit with a VDI of 8. Now, I am new to the Equinox 600 but I have been told by others with the Equinox 800 that if you get a solid VDI at 8 you should dig it, because a lot of gold rings come up with this VDI. Well, because of no trash and this booming signal I went ahead and dug it. I came up with a small plastic bag that I had to probe a couple of times to be sure that was the target. I couldn't see anything because it was so dirty and I had to rub the bag and felt something solid. Then, low and behold I saw a glimmer of GOLD. That got my attention. It was at the end of the hunt and I had found a prize token a few minutes ago, so I pouched the baggie and continued to hunt, hoping for another coin or token. Probably five more minutes went by and the hunt was called to a halt. I walked up to a group of friends and showed them what I had found. I got a lot of "no ways!" and congratulations, everyone wanted to see what it sounded like on their detectors. I was feeling like a really lucky guy until I sat down at the picnic table. I was showing it around when Ron said we'd had a nugget hunt at the ranch a few years ago which I remembered. Ron said that if you rub a little more of the dirt off the baggie you will see a coupon for the drawing. Sure enough, there it was. The nugget that I found turned out to be a smashed BB painted gold. Oh well, one man's treasure is another man's trash.



Happy Trails,

*Roy*



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**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.





**APRIL**

**FOOLS**

**HUNT**

**When: Sunday April 10, 11 AM**

**Place: Lazy Heart Ranch, Cost: \$20 Per Person**

**Over 1400 Targets, Plus 3 Tokens Redeemable for \$50,**

**Each in Cold, Hard Cash!**

**Members Only**

**Questions? Contact Brice Young at [303-918-0958](tel:303-918-0958)**



# *The Winter Hunt* by *Kevin Lewellyn*

We had an excellent turnout and a beautiful day in between snowstorms for the Winter Hunt at the Lazy Heart Ranch on February 20, 2022. After a rough start, with Chris Davis taking a fall, we began the detecting. I didn't realize Chris did his own stunts! Hopefully, by the time this is published, Chris has fully recovered.



Our club welcomed a few new members and everyone else was glad to see each other again and get out swinging their detectors as it has been awhile for a lot of us. We spent about an hour in the field and had a nice time. Thankfully, the bull snakes and rattlesnakes were not around for this one. Many participants won prizes including Walking Liberty Half Dollars, five dollars cash and bags of dollar coins. Boots Lewis found the Spyderco knife token and will receive a nice Spyderco knife, Roy Neys struck gold finding "almost a gold nugget" planted years ago for an event at the ranch, and Marty Stone found a beautiful Standing Liberty quarter.



It's great to have a hunt at the Lazy Heart Ranch, because our club members find targets in the ground from the most recent hunt as well as items from many other hunts we have had over the years! Thank you to Bruce Morton for donating the bags of dollar coins, photographing, and for his help planting targets. Thank you to Roy Neys for donating coins and jewelry and for his help planting the targets. Thank you to Cindy Bockenstedt for helping plant coins. Thank you to Win and Nancy Faires, Richard and Linda Kibler, Chris Davis, John Olson, Ron and Linda Erickson for all of your help. I apologize if I have forgotten to mention



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anyone who helped. Thank you to those that donated funds toward the hunt. And finally, thank you so much to Boots and Laura Lewis for letting us come up and enjoy detecting at the Lazy Heart Ranch. Great location, great time and great fellowship with great friends! Thank you all for attending the hunt and making nice memories!

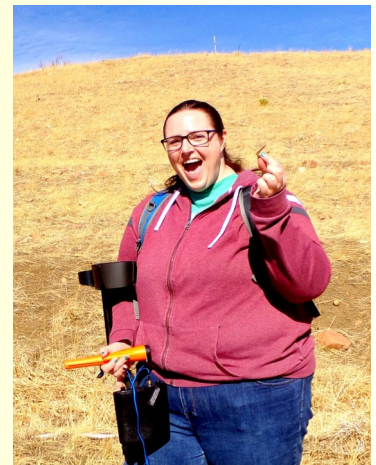
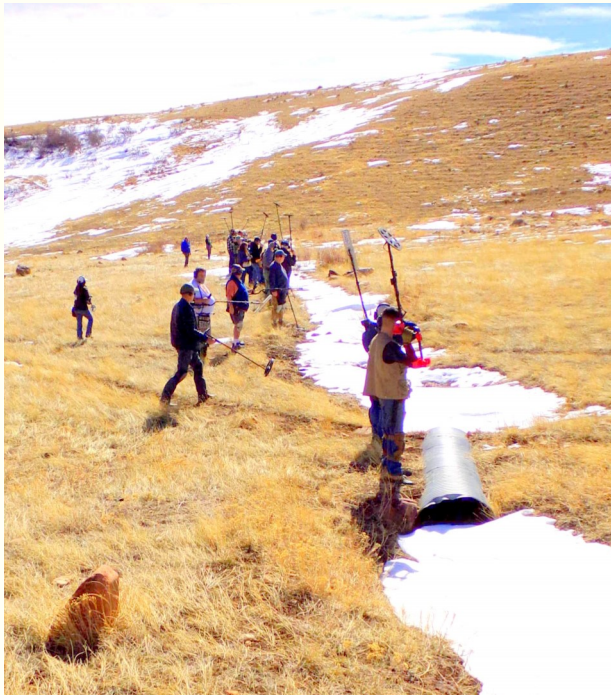
-Kevyn Llewellyn, Vice President



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# AND INTRODUCING...

## The Lumber Plunder!



**Built by new member Alan Jordan! This is a home made, wooden metal detector that Alan tried out for the first time at the Winter Hunt. According to Alan, It still needs a few tweaks here and there, but should be good to go very soon.**

**Minelab, Garrett and XP.....  
Ya got yourselves some  
competition!**



# How Not to Take Care of Yourself

by Chris Davis

I would like to thank everyone for checking up on me. It appears I may survive. Talk about a self-inflicted injury. There I was, just trying to throw a snowball at one of you, I slip in the mud and land on my back. The fall did not hurt, it was the landing on my own camera. It did not help the camera any either. After 10 minutes, I was able to get up and stagger around the field. I had stiffened up a good bit by the end of the hunt. Well, not being overly smart, I decided to see exactly how badly injured I really was. Phase One, the water test. Did not have any (apparent) blood in the urine, so, hopefully, the kidneys were still operational. Check! So, Phase Two, on the way home I stopped by a school and detected a tot lot. (It would not be fair to everyone else if I was smart AND good looking). I was able to walk and swing the coil okay. The problem came after I had knelt down, not being able to lean over and dig. I used my framing hammer to uncover the treasure. Then came the real problem, I could not reach down and pick it up. It is indeed hell to get old. One of these days you will understand. It took a bit of contortion, but I managed to retrieve the target. In my 30 minute hunt I found 65 cents and a nice Tungsten Carbide ring (which I chipped digging it out of the frozen tundra with my hammer). I done a lot worse. Of course, that new Deus II machine really helped. All you have to do is turn it on and lay it on the ground. The coins and rings then jump out of the dirt and wiggle their way over to the coil. Us old folks need all the help we can get. War is Hell.

Oh yeah, Phase Three is, can I get out of bed in the morning.

Well, that was the game plan, and it worked fine until about 7 that evening when I sneezed. Liked to killed me. This prompted a run to the Emergency Room. Fairly obvious "we" had a broke bone. Not much you can do with that (as long as it was not displaced), but the wife figured it might not hurt (too bad) to make sure there wasn't no damage to the kidneys or spleens. They run the usual tests, nothing wrong with the kidney, spleen or gizzard, although I had a callus on my big toe. Only broke the camera and 2 ribs (11 and 12). The doctor said I probably would survive, and prescribed some Vicodin for the camera, but he wasn't as optimistic on its recovery chances.

Take care, and thanks for checking up on me. I know you all were just jockeying to see who was gonna get my new detector. Oh well, there will always be a next time, but I appreciate it.

And yes, I will still make it to England, as long as I do not throw any more snowballs.

Chris





# 2022



# RUSH TO THE ROCKIES

## “The Motherlode”

NATIONAL OPEN METAL DETECTING EVENT

**NEWTON-STROMBERG PARK**  
**11612 S. FOXTON ROAD, CONIFER, CO 80433**

June 10 - 12, 2022

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Rush to the Rockies has relocated to Conifer, Colorado, in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies 15 miles southwest of Denver. The Conifer area was settled in the 1860s but was first occupied by the Arapahoe, Ute and Cheyenne tribes, who used the area as a hunting ground.

**GOLD PANNING !**

Gold panning will be set up on Saturday.

**OTHER**

As with all our past events, you can expect a fun weekend full of exceptional hunts, fantastic prizes, and the great company of friends.



# Eureka 2022 Calendar



## March

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## March

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

Sunday, March 13 - Spring Fling Hunt

Saturday, March 19 - Breakfast Club

Friday, March 25 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

Wednesday, March 30 - Board Meeting

## April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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## April

Friday, April 1 - Breakfast Club  
Newsletter Publishing Date

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

Sunday, April 10 - April Fools Hunt

Saturday, April 16 - Breakfast Club

Friday, April 29 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

## May

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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## May

Friday, May 6 - Breakfast Club

Friday, May 13 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 21 - Breakfast Club

Friday, May 27 - Article Deadline for Newsletter



# Reunited!

by Greg Lewis



On January 31<sup>st</sup>, six weeks after my knee replacement, I wanted to see how my knee would respond to going out and doing a little metal detecting. I went to a park in Golden that had just hosted a Ullr Festival (Ullr is the Norse god of snow). I found a few coins, a jeep key and an earring. Because of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, I now say Eureka! when I find something interesting, which happened when I found the earring.



After I found the earring, I posted it on Facebook. The responses to my post were mainly cool finds comments and how was my knee doing. Then, someone posted on the Golden and Friends site that they had lost an earring along with the picture. I had not seen the post but a Facebook friend saw it and remembered seeing my post about finding an earring. I checked out the Golden Friends site and then everything exploded from there.

The lady that lost the earring was named Jennifer, and I managed to contact her on Facebook. We were originally going to meet at the Eureka club meeting but that was cancelled due to snow. We ended up meeting the next day in Golden

where I gave her back her earring. I had also posted the story on a metal detecting site and loved seeing the positive responses on the site.

Jennifer herself posted, "Thanks so much again! It's so fun to see how many people love the story! You're truly a hero to the community." There was 450+ responses to her post.



As far as being a hero, I don't know about that. The metal detecting community are treasure hunters and environmentalists picking up trash, pull tabs and bottle caps. But... what a great feeling it is to be able to REUNITE personal property with the owners!

## Upcoming Events

### NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

**The March 11 Meeting speaker will be: Brandon Sutton!**

**Brandon operates the Youtube channel "Diggin' on Faith" and recently found one of the most amazing discoveries ever seen on video. The link to his Youtube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmkw9RVbdLWV6FDoFGNXhZw>

### UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

**Saturday, March 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.





# Big Coil vs Small Coil! And the Winner Is... by Chris Davis



Shortly after one of the big snowfalls we had last month began to melt, I got an invite to accompany Randy and Mary on a City Park hunt. I had put the big 13" coil on my XP Deus in an effort to start strengthening my arm and shoulder (back and brain) for an upcoming trip to England. I arrived at the park to find both Randy and Mary had equipped their junky Minelab Equinox's with what looked like 4" coils. Randy says they are 6" coils, but I think his tape measure shrunk. Of course, I made fun of their "Baby Coils" and expressed the hope that one day they would grow up into real coils.

A coil of one size may be better in a certain area and conditions than another. The big coil covers more square feet per swing. So, if at the end of the day, I swing over 1,000 square feet with my big coil, and you swing over only 300 square feet with your small coil, you would think, statistically, I would have the best chance of finding something good. The big coil works very well on fairly clean sites where you are digging everything. On the other hand, on very trashy sites you can get in amongst the garbage better with a smaller coil.



One of the advantages of City Park is it gets a tremendous amount of use. And of course, the more folks using a site, the more stuff they will lose. The disadvantage of City Park is that the tremendous number of people using it also tend to lose a tremendous amount of garbage. One swing of my big coil could easily get 20 hits. But, that is what the good Lord created the XP Deus (and also on the Minelab) Reactivity settings for. With a high Reactivity setting, on 3 coins and a pull tab laid one inch apart, you will get 4 separate beeps. With a low Reactivity setting, you will get one beep when passing over the 4 targets. It is easy to see how a higher Reactivity can help separate good targets from trash. Lastly, whether using a small

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or a large coil, the tendency is to start skipping pull tabs and aluminum foil targets after you dig those first 100 or so garbage targets.

Randy and Mary, with their small coils, could get in amongst the trash and taller vegetation far better than I. On this particular hunt, there was an awful lot of garbage. The fun kinda wears thin after you dig that 50<sup>th</sup> or so pull tab. As a result, I quickly reverted to digging only nickel and penny or above signals. While such a strategy is very good for coins and silver rings, it virtually eliminates the chances of finding 90% of the gold rings. At the end of the day, I was left to wonder how many gold rings I had skipped over. I will never know. I dug at least 20 nickel sounding targets, but got only 1 actual nickel. However, the technique still produced a fine collection of pull tabs.



At the end of the hunt, I came out on top in change with \$4.01. Mary only had \$3.85 and Randy recovered a pitiful \$2.70. However, both Randy and Mary did a tad better than I in the ring category. They each found 2 rings, while I found only one. But, my one was very nice. It wasn't, but it should have been engraved, "P.O.S." (this stands for "Piece of s...stuff"), which is very closely related to the much sought after "Leaveright" (Leave 'er right where you found it). During this hunt, it took Randy all of 30

minutes to find a gold ring. A nice man's wedding band, yellow gold, 10K with a VDI at the lower end of the penny range. Which is why some of us always dig penny signals. Mary had to settle for a silver ring, which I would not have even picked up (unless I had a chance).



Oh yes, two days before, I had started having trouble with my "good knee". Not the one I had replaced at Walmart. I decided to go detecting anyway. I just had to decide which knee to go down on, my "bad knee" which I had had replaced 4 or 5 years ago, or my newly bad "good knee". After a bit of experimentation, I discovered I was putting on less stress by going

down on my bad "good knee". My knee worked out very well. I was able to get up and down without much problem all day. I made the hour drive home, but when I got out of the truck, I found I could barely walk. Talk about adding injury upon insult. It is indeed tough to get old.

So, with all this wonderful information, you will have to judge for yourself which is the best machine... a fine, sturdy XP Deus with a huge, back-breaking 13" coil, or one of those junky Minelab Equinoxes with a baby "4 inch" coil.

Chris



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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.

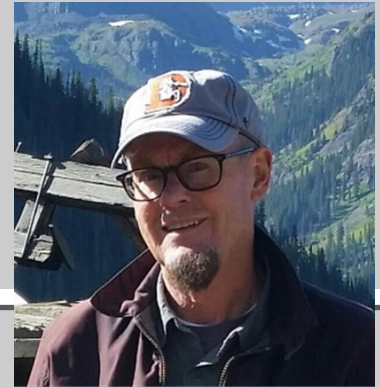
## Next Club Meeting

**The March 11th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m. [www.eurekathc.org](http://www.eurekathc.org)**



# Safety First

by Norm Ruggles



**I want to thank and complement our club's leadership for wisely cancelling or postponing recent club meetings and activities due to our inclement weather. I don't know exactly how these decisions are made, but they are certainly smart and correct.**

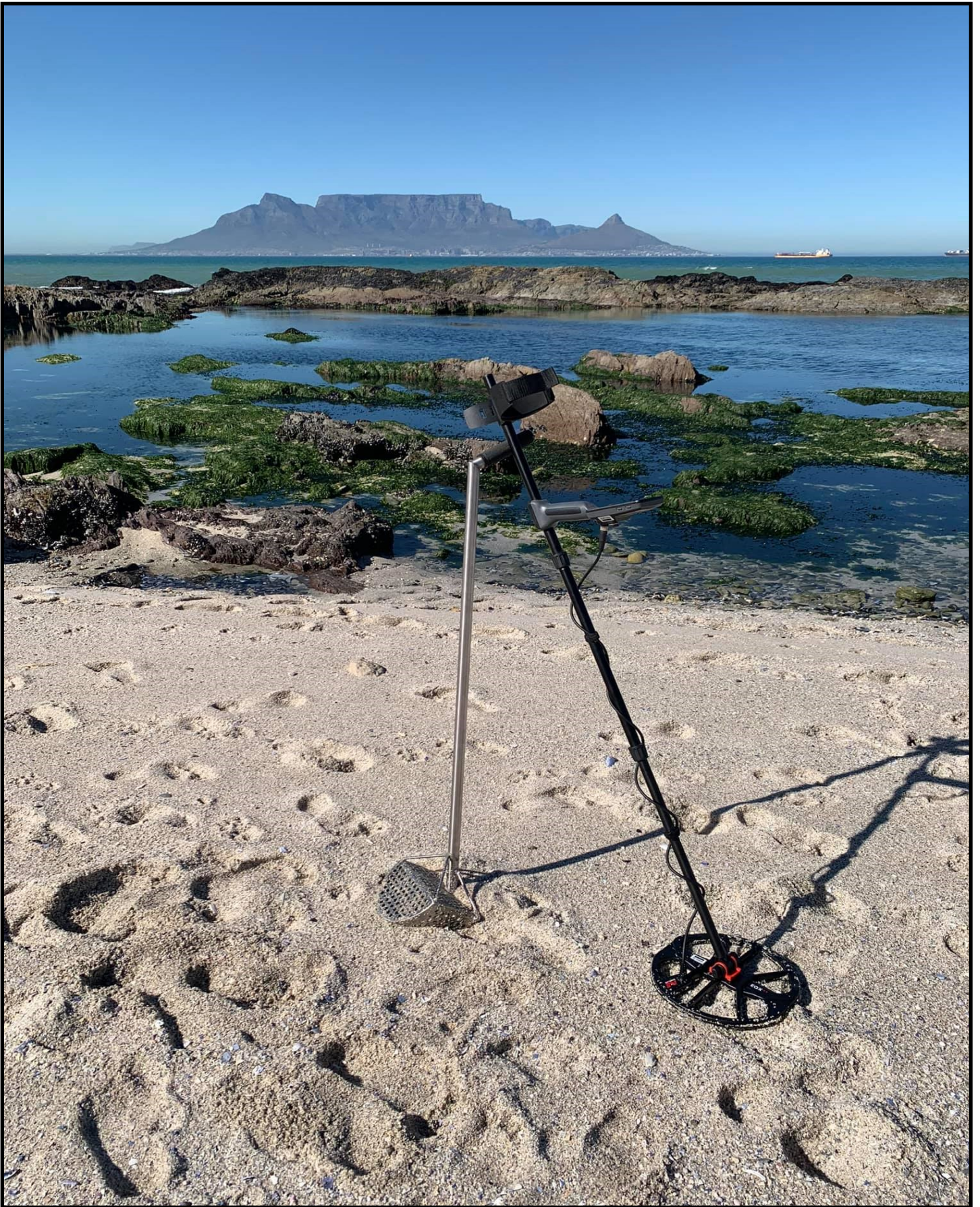
**These decisions are clearly focused on the best interests of our club. There is no need to put our members at risk by driving in bad weather. I grew up in Colorado and feel like I know how to drive in the snow, but I also know I have no control over all of the ignorant bad drivers out there who put the rest of us in danger.**

**It's obviously not worth the risk to hold our leisure-time meetings during troublesome weather. If one of our members was injured in a driving accident or a slip-and-fall, we would feel awful. After all, our club exists simply for entertainment and to enjoy our hobby. Any club activities can easily be delayed.**

**Leadership positions are difficult. Unfortunately, leaders have to hear complaints from a few whiners. Let's not whine about the cancellation of a couple hobby club meetings. Let's support the work of our club President Roy Neys and our other leaders, and thank them for their wisdom and good judgment! Safety first!**

**Norm Ruggles**





## CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA