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EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc. Denver, Colorado



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In Memoriam

Betty Jean Townley, the wife of Daryl J.R. Townley, a friend to many Eureka club members, passed away on February 27, 2024. They were married for over 35 years.

Daryl Townley is a nationally known cache hunter, who authored books on researching and metal detecting ghost towns.

The White's Spectrum XLT metal detector was originally going to be called the Spectrum XL. Due to Daryl Townley's input and knowledge, White's named it the White's XLT, with the "T" standing for Townley.

Funeral home online condolences may be made at https://www.whittfh.com

(More info to come in the next newsletter)



Dock Hroch's

Night Hunt

Date: Saturday, May 18

Time: 9:30 pm

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

\$25 per person Members Only Contact: Dock Hroch at 830-708-4258



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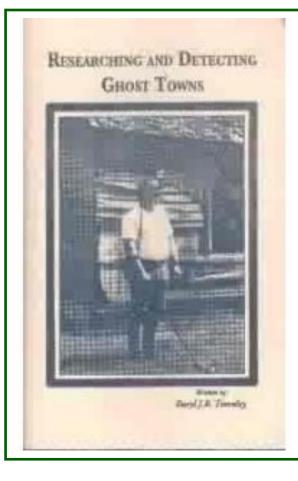
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Researching and
Detecting Ghost Towns
by
Daryl Townley
Available on:
Amazon.com









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 Prez Sez

by Jeff Lubbert



We are getting into travel season and I know that a few of us have already traveled with our detectors. I know that there will be several of my fellow Eureka members that may be flying with your detector for the first time. Flying with a detector is no big deal, though if you are flying internationally, you will need to check about laws in the country you are traveling to. For domestic travel, just make sure that you are not staying on either a National Park or National Sea Shore as detecting on either of those types of lands is not allowed. National Battle Grounds are also off limits for detecting so definitely check the status of lands you wish to detect on.

If your detector is rechargeable, you will need to carry at least the body of the machine on the airplane with you. Likewise, if your headphones are cordless and rechargeable you will need to make sure that those headphones are also in your carry-on bag. Airlines <u>REQUIRE</u> that rechargeable Lithium batteries are in the cabin and not under the plane in your checkin bag. If the lithium batteries explode or combust while in the cabin of the plane, the flight attendants can take care of the situation. If the batteries combust while under the airplane in your check-in luggage, there is nothing that can be done other than make an emergency landing. Soooo, yes, if you have a rechargeable detector, it belongs in your carry-on bag. Obviously any digging tool would need to be in your check-in bag or send it via UPS or other shipping service to the hotel or B&B you are staying at. The venue that we (Ron, Linda and I) traveled to recently had the short garden spades available to loan out to the people who attended the event. Another thing that I have done when flying to a couple of detecting events is after landing, I went to a local Home Depot, Walmart or garden center and purchased a \$20 spade and then just donated it to the local detecting club after the event.

There you have it, don't be afraid to travel with your detector this summer. With just a bit of planning you can enjoy your hobby all over this beautiful planet. At this point in time I have detected in 28 states, 1 US territory and 8 foreign countries, so yes, I do know of what I speak.

- 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





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

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EUREKA! THC BOARD TEMPORARY RESOLUTION Definitions for New Categories

COSTUME JEWELRY

DEFINITION:

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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.

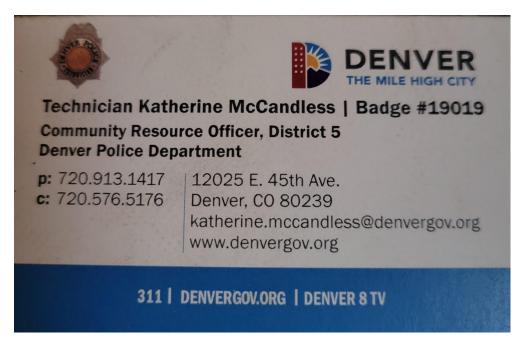
Jeff Lubbert
President, Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club





Shell Casings by Greg Lewis

Our group went to Elmendorf park to hunt. As we began, a police officer came up to me and asked if we could help her find some bullet casings. There had been gun shots the night before, and the police had narrowed the gun shots down to Elmendorf Park. Apparently the police have listening devices that can pinpoint where gunshots come from in the city. I said of course we could help, so Mark Voth, Mark Cochran and I started helping her with trying to find any casings on the ground. We weren't having any luck at first, but about 2 hours later, Mark Voth finally found a casing. Mark and I then went to have a look in that area. We started branching out, and eventually I found a casing. Mark C. called the officer back to let her know we found 2 casings, and she sent a officer out to collect the evidence. We hope that we'll be able to help with more findings in the future.





Breakfast Club 4/5 by Chris Davis

The Eureka! Breakfast Club elected to make its hunt on Lincoln Park. I have only hunted Lincoln Park once, and was glad to get out of there alive. In my humble opinion, Lincoln Park is the worst park in Denver. It is necessary to be constantly alert to avoid stepping on syringes. Last time I was there the crowd of homeless people kept asking us if we had any change they could have.

Regrettably, I did not make Friday's hunt. I had a pre-op doctor's appointment and my lower back just started giving me more problems. Katie was disappointed, but it was just as well as she probably would have ended up serving as the main entrée in some homeless camp.

On the other hand, with such a lousy reputation, the park has obviously not been hunted very hard. Our Breakfast Club crew did very well on change. Jeff M. did best with \$10.32, Roy had \$5.58, Randy \$5.09, Mary \$3.39 (but she was probably concentrating more on finding gold), Tom F. \$0.82. Bruce M. is so good he did not even have to use his detector to find a nice bracelet. Jeff M. made the best finds with 2 very nice syringes.

No-one reported finding any rings. I suspect the locals do a good job field stripping the bodies.

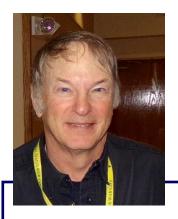












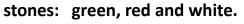
April Was A Good Month by Chris Davis

April was indeed a good month! Not only did I find a nice gold ring, but I also got 2 gold coins and picked up an interesting knife!

Not being overly smart, Katie and I took the trusty XP Deus II out last Sunday. The hip/back was still hurting bad, so I tanked up on Ibuprofen and Tylenol. I could still feel it, but I was able to stagger from location to location for short hunts. I went in for back surgery on April 15. I asked the doctor if I could play the piano immediately after my surgery, and he said yes. That is great, cause I never could play the piano before.

I hit 5 woodchip tot lots (kid playgrounds) on the day and found a total of 34 cents! That comes to not quite 7 cents per tot lot. But, I also found a ring, deep, about 6 inches. It appeared to be gold. It was a man's ring with 3 rows of







The ring had no karat stamp, and the stones did not appear to be real gemstones. Actually, it looked like the karat mark had been purposely removed. I cannot imagine why anyone would want to do that.

The ring had that "gold look," the VDI was right (64/ nickel) for a gold ring that size, the rim had a slight bend and wear consistent with a well-worn gold ring. When I tested it with my acid kit, it came out "14K". So, I gave it a 90% chance of being gold. I then

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tested it at the Eureka! meeting with their electronic

tester, and it came out 14K. So, you, Paul Harvey and I now know the rest of the story. It was a good day! Not too bad for an old, feeble fellow who could barely walk. This just proves the old saying, "it is better to be lucky, than good".

This ring is Number 97 on my Career Gold Ring List. This one, plus the gold ring I plan to find in England this year (Number 98), will leave only 2 more to go...then I can quit metal

detecting and take up knitting.

Oh yes, I also got 2 gold coins! You will note, I did not say "I found 2 gold coins with my metal detector". I said "I got 2 gold coins". Actually, what I did was sort thru the tremendous hoard of corroded American clad coinage I have been accumulating since Covid. After cleaning and rolling, I ended up with \$1,400 in change. This pile of coins weighed 107 lbs. Did I then use this money to pay

off any of my metal detecting expenditures?

Nah! I decided to "invest" (piss off) this money on gold coins. I did this way back in the dark ages when I first started metal detecting. At the time, I managed to accumulate the \$199 necessary to purchase one \$10 Gold Eagle coin, 1880 (1880 was the date of the coin, not when I purchased it).

Since then, gold has increased a little bit in price. Now, I barely managed to purchase a gold Indian intaglio \$5, and a gold Indian intaglio \$2 ½ (both MS-63) for a piddling



\$1,400. What a deal! What a moron!



Well, my thought process was, if I put the money in the bank, it would slowly disappear and at the end of the year I would have nothing to show for all my hard work. This way, I leave something for my kids to fight over after I am gone. As with most of my investments, I have no doubt the price of gold will immediately crash and the value of clad coinage will triple. That is how it works.

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Lastly, I found a switchblade (automatic) knife. I had thought to enter it into my Club's Finds of the Month contest. Switchblade knives are legal in Colorado, but are prohibited in 4 towns: Denver, Aurora, Boulder and Lakewood. I found the knife under a swing set in a tot lot in Aurora. Our Club meets in Lakewood, and we had a police officer who just happened to be making a presentation on metal detecting safety at the Club meeting that night. I gave it some thought and decided it might not be such a good idea to bring the knife to this particular meeting.

Chris





Eureka 2024 Calendar



May								
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May

Friday, May 3 - Breakfast Club

Friday, May 10 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 18 - Breakfast Club

Saturday, May 18 - Night Hunt 8:30 PM



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

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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 - July Hunt

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, May 3 Saturday, May 18 Friday, June 7 Saturday, June 15

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

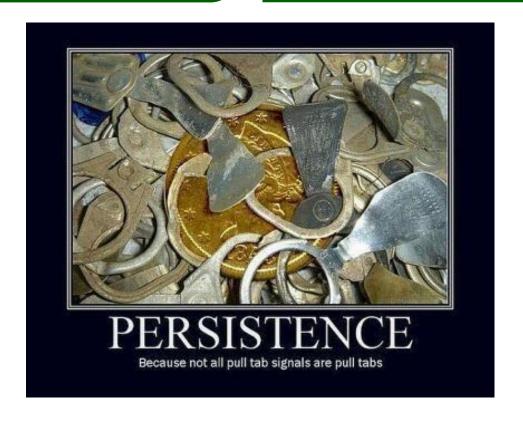
See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues, and new merchandise available.

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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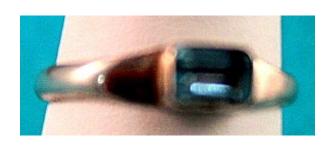








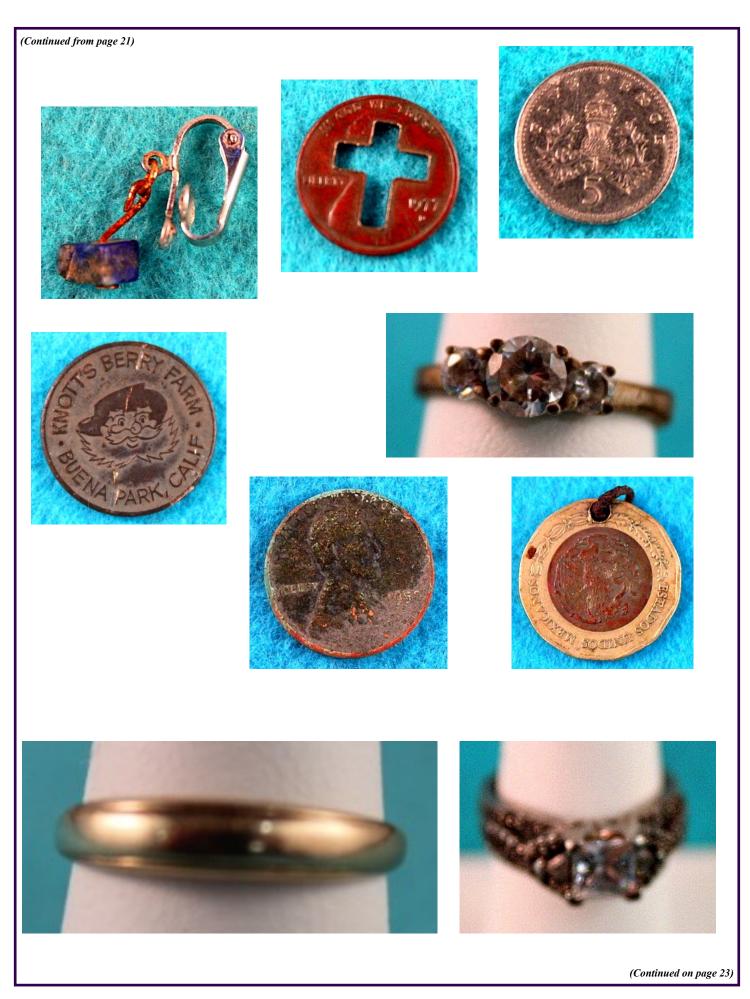








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Find of the Month Winners - April

Coin - Roy Neys

1942D Walking Liberty 1/2 Dollar



Found at a park about 6" deep. Sounded like a deep sprinkler head. Found with the Minelab Equinox 600.

Token - Lane Black

Artifact - Jeff McClendon

\$1 Casino Token

Swiss Pocket Watch



Found at a baseball field near 3rd base, Minelab Equinox 800.



Found near a dog walk area, 12" deep. Minelab Manticore.

Find of the Month Winners - April (cont.)

Gold - Randy Sable

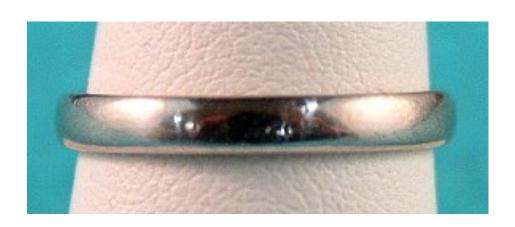
14K Gold & White Gold Ring



Last find on the way to the car Easter Sunday. Minelab 800.

Jewelry - Blaine Pierce

Tiffany & Co Platinum Ring



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Find of the Month Winners - April (cont.)

Costume Jewelry- Chris Davis

Religious Medallion Chain



Probably found at a pawn shop on East Colfax. XP Deus II.

Foreign Coin - Randy Sable

\$1 Australia Coin



Found with the Minelab 800.

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GOLD CATEGORY	
	14K Gold Ring
	10K Gold Ring
Chris Davis	14K Gold Ring
Lane Black	Gold Bracelet
Jeff McClendon	14K Gold Ring
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JEWELRY CATEGORY	-
Blaine Pierce	Platinum Ring
Chris Davis	Silver Turquois Ring
Chris Davis	Silver Bracelet
	Silver Religious Medallion
	Stainless Steel Ring
	Silver Ring
Shellie Zornes	Silver Bracelet
	Stainless Steel Ring w/ cats eye
Shellie Zornes	Silver Ring
Mark Cochran	Silver Ring w/turquoise Stone
	Labradorite Sterling Silver Ring
	Silver Ring
	Silver Ring
COIN CATEGORY	g
	42D Walking Liberty Half Dollar
Cindy Bockenstedt	Hammered Silver Coin
	1954 Wheat Penny
TOKEN CATEGORY	
	Casino Token
	Game Token
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FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

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ARTIFACT CATEGORY Jeff McClendon......Pocket Watch Lane Black.....Telephone Insulator Jeff McClendon.....Army Air Corp Badge Jeff McClendon......Cross Penny Hardin Scott......Knotsberry Farm coin Greg Lewis......30.06 Bullet Tom Fowler.....Earring Shellie Zornes.....Toy Car **COSTUME JEWELRY CATEGORY** Chris Davis.....Necklace Marcus Lieberman......Kanha Pin Shellie Zornes......2 Rings Shellie Zornes......Coin Necklace Lane Black.....Turquoise Ring Marcus Lieberman......2 Bracelets Chris Davis......Jesus Pendant Chris Los.....Skull Ring Chris Los......CZ Ring Greg Lewis......Skull Ring FOREIGN COIN CATEGORY Randy Sable......Australia Dollar Coin Marcus Lieberman................1 Yen Coin Lane Black.....English 5 Pence Coin Everett Johnston......50 Centavo Mexican Coin

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Secretary's Notes by Nancy Faires

Eureka! THC Club Meeting April 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER 7:33 PM

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Welcome - Mark Cochran, Vice President

Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY APRIL 30, 2024. APPLICATIONS REQUIRED YEARLY. **EUREKA! THC BOARD RESOLUTION** – **TEMPORARY** February 27, 2024

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SPEAKERS

March - "Prospecting" - Bobby Manning

April – "Detecting Safely in Parks" – Jerrod Lippert

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

June – Permissions – James Huntley

HUNTS

March 23 - Lizzie Borden Hunt - Robert Ahr











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April 21 – Dream Teams - Lee P Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden CO \$25

May 19 – Dock's Midnight Pinball Machine – Dock Hroch Majestic View Park, Arvada, CO \$30

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



Gold – Randy Sable Coin – Roy Neys Artifact – Jeff McClendon Token – Lane Black Jewelry – Blaine Pierce Costume Jewelry – Chris Davis Foreign Coin – Randy Sable

COIN DRAWINGS

1842 Large Cent – Joe Johnston

1916 S Mercury Dime – Blaine Pierce

1867 Three Cent Nickle – Shellie Z

1927 Standing Liberty Quarter - Jay Reed

1866 Two Cent Piece - Greg Lewis

1907 Indian Head Cent – Blaine Pierce

1923 S Buffalo Nickle – Blaine Pierce

1882 Seated Dime - Brian Henry

1857 Seated Quarter - Chris Los

1901 S Morgan Dollar – Brian Henry

Second Chances - donated by Richard Kibler & Jay Reed

Work Gloves – Jay Reed Book – Lane Black 1978 D IKE – Marty Stone

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HOLIDAY – 1882 O Morgan – Marcus L

MEMBERSHIP – Ron Graves

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires Secretary Eureka! THC



























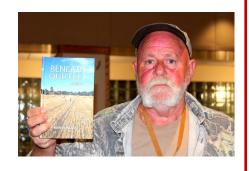












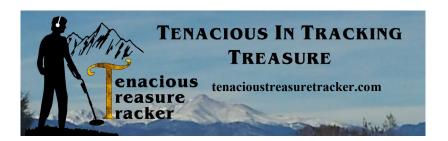




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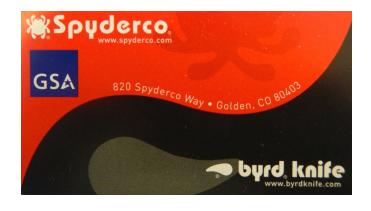




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About Eureka!

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 May 10th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m. www.eurekathc.org



Farewell



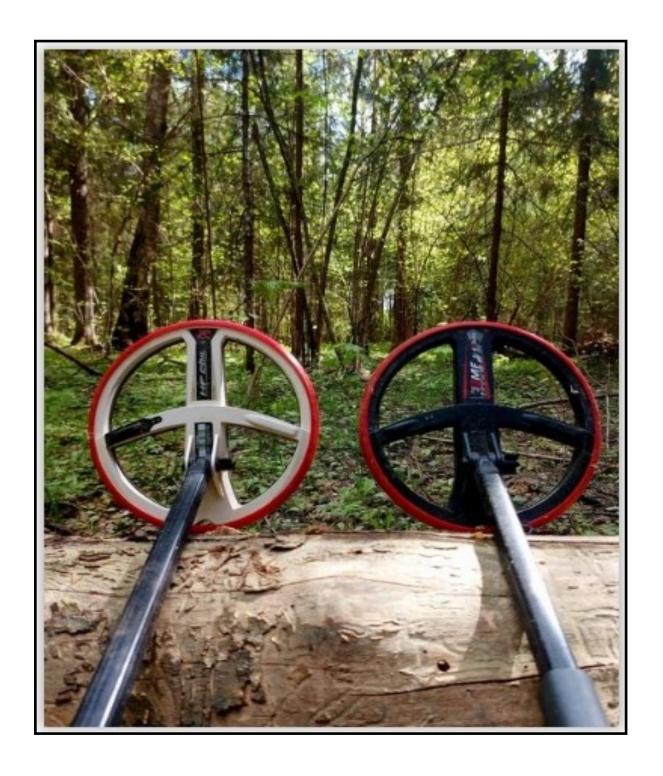
Our May meeting will be my last, at least for an indefinite period. I am moving my residence north, and west to be with my daughter in Idaho. Yeah, I know what you're thinking "how's a liberal going to live in the land of retired L.A. cops?" Easy, you just don't engage in religious or political discussion and deal with them as people... or even metal detectorists. I haven't done any research yet, but I'll bet there are two or three of them up there.

It's been a great 8 years, and I want to thank you all, once again, for the honor of being your newsletter editor for three of them. It was a pleasure, a burden, interesting, maddening, exhausting, and even fun. The best part was learning almost everyone's name (something at which I do not excel.) It's the hardest job in the club, so my hat's off to my predecessor, Cindy, and my successor, Marty. I'll continue to use the newsletter to keep up on your successes.

I admit that I'll miss you mugs. I really looked forward to Breakfast Club outings and club hunts. I'm up to 5 gold rings now; a paltry amount compared to others, but a big deal for me. I look forward to discovering what Idahoans drop on the ground.

Parting advice: *Participate*. 90% of you are letting the other 10% shoulder all the burden. Support the officers and board, and volunteer when you can.

Keep your coil to the soil. Bruce



"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

- George Bernard Shaw

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