

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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Meeting Dates:

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse February 9, 2015 7: PM

Board Meeting: Time and place of meeting will be decided at club meeting

From the Desk of Don Rodarte, UTC President:

January 12, 2015

What a great turnout, I was very pleased to see so many members come to the meeting. I hope this trend continues. It was very exciting to see new faces, and see the club grow with new members. I hope to have a fun and an exciting year, I would like to get to know everyone a little better. We have a lot planned next year and with your support we can have so much fun. So feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Don Rodarte weldfab55@msn.com. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting, and “Don’t forget your detectors and headphones.”!

Secretary’s Report:

Uncompahgre Treasurer Club Minutes, January 12, 2015, by Sandy Bliss, Secretary

President, Don Rodarte, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes from the last meeting were read by Sandy Bliss. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary, seconded by Henry, and approved by the members.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer, Judy Kuntz. A motion to approve the report was made by Tony, seconded by Lon, and approved by the members. Annual membership dues of \$24 per family are now due. The UTC member and spouse will each receive membership cards.

Reminder: Your membership card must be with you when you visit the UTC claim.

Don explained that members' name tags should be taken home and brought back when attending meetings. He said the name tags need to be worn when at the UTC claim site.

A warm welcome was extended to the many guests attending the meeting:

Donald Wright and Corey Wright
Marion Phillips
Ken Thielen
Ben Hitchkok
Derek Miller

With no Old Business to report on, Don called the members' attention to free flyers at the head table with information about “pennies”. He said he hopes to continue providing articles of interest about coins and other topics that will peak members' interest.

New Business

The “Finds Table” - Henry explained how the Finds Table works. There are slips of paper listing the various categories to be submitted by members. There is a winner in each category, as well as an overall winner for the find-of-the-month. The categories: U.S. Coins, foreign coins, jewelry – gold and silver, jewelry, non-metallic toy, non-metallic relics, relics, modern metal, mineral specimen, and...“display”. During the UTC Christmas Party at the end of the year, awards are presented to members with the most finds. Awards presented for 2014 finds included: a Chief Ouray Commemorative Silver Coin, a silver eagle, and a 1964 proof coins set.

Henry explained that members are to take the slips of paper on the Finds Table, look over the various finds, and vote on their favorite choices – including the overall Find-of-the-Month. He encouraged all members to participate in sharing their finds – and reminded those who do enter their finds to be sure to leave the identifying slip of paper, so he can identify the owner of the item.

Henry asked members to make sure he has their correct email addresses so they will receive the monthly UTC newsletter, which will include information about club activities.

February 9th Meeting

Don asked members to bring their metal detectors to the February meeting and instructions will be provided on the correct use of each detector.

March 9th Meeting

We hope to have a local geologist as our guest speaker, who will give a presentation on minerals – what to look for – and more. This should be very informative, so have your questions ready!

April 13th Meeting

The club's 1st Auction. It's not too early to start your spring cleaning. Remember... “one man's

trash is another man's (or woman's) treasurer.”

May 11th Meeting

Tubs and pans will be provided for practicing panning and demonstrating how to set up a sluice box.

June 8th Meeting

The club's 1st Night Hunt will be held on the front lawn area. The area will be seeded with \$100 in 50 cent pieces. Members will keep what they find, and the member with the most finds will receive a prize. (Always great fun!)

July

Depending on weather and river conditions – a tentative plan for the month of July is for members to meet at the UTC claim site for annual maintenance. In order to qualify for a waiver from paying expensive fees, we need to keep our claim clean and well maintained (filling in holes, making any necessary repairs, etc.) - as well as documenting 100 hours of maintenance. This will help reduce the fees down to \$10 or \$20. Don suggested we could make it a day of maintenance and a picnic.

Don reminded members to pick up their 2015 Claim Permit applications at the local BLM office. Once you have filled in the form, bring it to Henry Kuntz for signature then return the form to BLM. The form is usually returned to you with a week or less. The permit is valid for the entire year. IMPORTANT – Always have your Claim Permit and your current UTC membership card with you when at the claim site. On the back of the permit are BLM guidelines. Important to understand and follow them. Officer, Ted Moe, may show up to check.

Don said anyone interested in Public Use Land will need a separate permit. Only panning and sluicing is permitted on Public Use Land. He explained that everyone needs to be familiar with the UTC claim boundaries – especially since it is next to the GPA Claim. He said a little overlapping of claim property is permitted, but mineral trespassing is a serious crime.

August Meeting (date TBD)

Annual picnic and biggest hunt of the year! All three lawns around the building are seeded with coins, including silver coins. This is a great day of food (pot luck) and friendship and fun.

September 14

Our 2nd Night Hunt. Two hundred 50 cent pieces will be seeded in the front lawn.

October 12

We will have nominations for officers....AND....our second auction.

November

Election of officers.

December

Annual Christmas Party

There was a lot of discussion about possible sites for future club hunts. Don said he has been attempting to locate sites, but many owners are reluctant to give their permission. Gary said he will continue to obtain more information about the Cerro Summit Stage Coach site, and Tom added that a possible site is the Colona area – especially the Whore House.

Tom Davis asked if any members would be interested in forming a “research” group. The purpose would be to locate potential areas for our hunts. Tom further explained that he is willing to teach geo-caching and plan a geo-caching hunt for those interested. Contact Tom at 970-765-4929 for further information.

Gary reported that the Welcome Home Montrose organization is bringing veterans from all over back to Montrose for their annual event. He said they need volunteers to help with the “hunt” - showing veterans how to use the detectors. Last year's event was a huge success, but it lasted too long. This year's will be shorter. Let Gary know if you're available to help. No date has yet been set.

A special thanks to Rosie for taking on the “coffee” duties. And to all those generous ladies who brought the evening's goodies: Betty, Rosie, Carol, Peggy and Sandy (Scheideman). (Please forgive me if I missed anyone.) Everything is always delicious and very appreciated!

See you in February!

Find of the month winners:

US Coins Ben Golden ----- 1992 half dollar

Foreign coins and tokens No entry

Jewelry (silver and gold) Ben Golden ----- .925 silver ring

Jewelry Judy Kuntz ----- Ear ring

Nonmetallic toys Judy Kuntz ----- Hand from boys doll

Nonmetallic relics No entry

Relics Don Rodarte ----- Old button
Modern metallic Rick Culver ----- ?????
Mineral specimen Sandy Scheideman ----- Fossil specimens
Displays No entry
Find of the month Sandy Scheideman ----- Fossil specimens

Birthdays in February:

Sharrol Haglund

Upcoming events:

February 9th----- Club meeting

February 9th-----Dues payable. \$24.00 per year per family. Membership cards will be issued when dues have been paid. The scene on this year's membership card is the area around Dallas Divide.