

## Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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**Meeting Dates:**

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse April 13, 2015 7:00 PM

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

**From the Desk of Don Rodarte, UTC President:**

Mar. 9, 2015

I'm very excited to have had the attendance we've had at the last three meetings. The club seems to be drawing everyone's interest, and that makes our meetings, and club, a great success. I hope to continue having all of you enjoy our meetings, and can't wait to get out and do some detecting. I would like to thank everyone for your attention to Parks Superintendent, John Malloy. I hope his information was helpful and his willingness to continue helping the club will be a great asset. As you all know Garry has located 2 new locations to detect. Thank You Garry. Dates for these hunts will be discussed at the April 13th meeting. REMINDER!!!! The April meeting is our Club Auction. Everyone is encouraged to bring items they wish to contribute. Finally to everyone who brought goodies to the meeting A BIG HIGH FIVE!!!!!! Hope to see you all in April.....Don Rodarte

**Secretary's Report:**

Uncompahgre Treasurer Club Minutes, March 9, 2015, by Sandy Bliss, Secretary

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

Sandy Bliss, Secretary, read the Minutes of the February meeting. Christina made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Judy, and approved by members.

Judy Kuntz, Treasurer, read the February Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Tony, seconded by Marlene, and approved by members.

Don extended a warm welcome to all guests:

**Ken Sloan** of Ridgeway – a retired geologist and a very active adventurer. Ken invited members to attend meetings on Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - at the Church of The San Juans in Ridgeway. He said they have very interesting speakers. One such speaker will be author, Lucinda Schroeder who worked as an undercover agent for the BLM, helping to identify individuals who were stealing valuable artifacts.

Other guests included **Dave Drew**, friend and fellow adventurer of Ken's, also James **Golden** (Ben Golden's son), and **Mitch and Nancy Collum** who just moved to Colorado from Alaska...they are hoping to settle in Delta.

It was great to see so many new faces.

The first item of **New Business** was a report by Gary, who said he had obtained permission for the Club to detect on a Montrose property that has an old house and several buildings on it. The stipulation is that anything of historical value will be given to the local Historical Society....otherwise, members can keep what they find.

**Note:** Since the Lions' Club House is not available to the Club on our regular meeting date in June, the **UTC Board chose this date of June 8<sup>th</sup> for the above described hunt.** More information regarding the address and the time will be provided soon.

Gary also reported that the Club has permission as a group to hold a hunt on a gold claim in the Pinion Bridge area. More information on the date and location will be provided. Gary said we might consider metal detecting half a day and then pan for gold. Either way, it sounds exciting!

The highlight of the evening was a most interesting and informative presentation by John Malloy, Superintendent of Montrose City Park Service. John explained that metal detecting is allowed on Montrose city property as well as all Montrose parks. He emphasized the importance of following park rules....don't remove vegetation, leave the areas as undisturbed as possible, fill in any holes, etc. He said metal detecting is especially appreciated in the playground areas where we can work together to keep the areas safer. He said we are allowed to keep whatever we find on city property.

John said he would try and keep us informed about areas we might be interested in working. He was eager to answer members' questions and said he would also check with the city's legal and planning offices for more information regarding any problems members might encounter. He invited members to call him at 240-1411 if they have any problems or questions. John was especially appreciative of Judy's experience of setting an example of stewardship for children by encouraging the curious children around her to help pick up any trash they find. John thanked the members for this opportunity to speak to the club and said he hopes he can continue to be of help to us.

Gary said there will be a meeting at the Warrior Resource Center (Welcome Home Montrose) on Thursday at noon for those interested in volunteering during the “No Barriers” weekend. Volunteers are needed to assist veterans in the metal detecting event which will only be held for half a day this year. He also asked if there was any way the club could come up with a donation of a gold nugget. Gary said that the veteran who found last year's gold nugget (donated by Henry Kuntz) became a different man after finding it. “He was so quiet and withdrawn all day....that one gold nugget brought him out of his shell.”

Judy reminded members that we will have our fund-raising auction at our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members were encouraged to bring items for the auction....as well as money! She reminded us that there will be NO door prize raffle at the April meeting. Judy also reminded us to bring in our pull tabs, which provide free minutes of chemo treatment for children....be sure to keep track of the ones you find while digging.

The next order of business was the drawing for the Pin Pointer. The very lucky winner was our guest from Alaska, Mitch Collum. Congratulations, Mitch! After some discussion, it looks like another drawing for another Pin Pointer will soon be announced.

Henry reported that the Lions' Club facility will be closed June 1-12<sup>th</sup>. As a result, the UTC Board set the date of **Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm for our June meeting.**

**The Finds Table....some rules:**

- Your entry must be an item you found while detecting since the last meeting.
- Your gold and jewelry entries must be “stamped” ....10k, 14k, plated, sterling, 925, etc.
- Your entry file card **MUST** have your name on the back.

Henry said the date on the nickel he found was so faint you couldn't read it. However, Dave (Mr. Detector) had a solution he put on it, which made the date appear just long enough to determine the year.

Judy wanted us to be aware that John Forrey's girlfriend recently had a stroke. His brother, Ray Forrey, is also not in good health.

One last item....one of our members has an electric potter's wheel for sale. Asking \$150 – or best offer. If interested, please call Shelly at 596-8764.

## Find of this Month Winners:

Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Henry Kuntz	1917S Buffalo Nickel
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Tom Davis	1964 Canadian Penny
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Ben Golden	Gold Earring
D JEWELRY	Tom Davis	Gold Plated Monkey
E NON METALLIC TOYS	Tom Davis	Alien Doll
F NON METALLIC RELICS	Tom Davis	Old Bottle
G RELICS	Rick Culver	Old File
H MODERN METALLIC	Judy Kuntz	Knife
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Tom Davis	Gypsum Rock Specimen
J DISPLAYS	Judy Kuntz	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Henry Kuntz	1917S Buffalo Nickel

## Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of month winners												
NAME	Dec-14	Jan-15	15-Feb	15-Mar	15-Apr	May-15	15-Jun	15-Jul	15-Aug	15-Sep	15-Oct	TOTAL
Culver, Rick	3	4	5									
Davis, Tom		13	12									
Dodds, Don		1										
Dodds Sharon			1									
Forrey, John		13										
Golden, Ben	4	6	3									
Helmick, Lon		1										
Kuntz, Henry		5	6									
KUNTZ, Judy	5	8	7									
Lamb, Troy	1											
Lowe, Jim	2		2									
Melugin, Garry		3										
O'Donnell, Carole	1											
Rodarte, Don	4	4										
Scheideman, Sandy	5											
Waugh, Jim	1											

## Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Sharon Dodds	41
Ben Golden	34
Lon Helmick	24
Tom Davis	34

## Birthdays in April:

Don Dodds  
 Darlene Howell  
 Larry Phillips  
 Betty Richburg  
 Garrett Wilner

## **Upcoming events:**

April 13<sup>th</sup>----- Club meeting

April 13<sup>th</sup>-----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.

## **Wisdom:**

- When detecting, always take your time, slow down, be thorough and swing carefully.
- The saying is, "Gold is where you find it." However, do you find gold or does gold find you?

## **Photo Gallery:**



Tom Mallory, Montrose Parks Superintendent, speaks to the meeting on detecting within the city.