

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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Meeting Dates:

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse May 11, 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:

April 22, 2015

I was very excited to see everyone at the auction. I hope you all had a good time, and thank you all for making the sale a success. Don't forget there is a hunt this weekend, Sunday the 26th of April, we will be meeting at the old city market parking lot at 8 or so and for those who attend church we will make sure you know where we are detecting.

I have something to discuss that I am very aware happens and we need to address this. I know we all have our good days and our bad days, and your good days are always welcome to the club meetings, but this is not the place to bring your bad days! We as members of the UTC will not tolerate any verbal, physical or mental abuse, towards anyone at the meetings. This is no place to create a confrontation between a spouse, another member, or any guest that may attend our meetings. Any inappropriate touching, innuendos, or any sexually oriented comments will not be tolerated at any point. I believe the club has the right to suspend or revoke membership for actions detrimental to the club! We are here to have fun, enjoy each other's company, and provide a safe environment for all who attend our club. I hope this is just a wakeup call, as all of you are very wonderful people, and the club is proud to have you as members.. Thank you for everything....Don

Oh yes.... Sale of squares for the metal detector will go on sale at the next meeting and we do have a night hunt scheduled for that night.....Thanks again...SEE YOU SUNDAY

Secretary's Report:

Uncompahgre Treasurer Club Minutes, April 13, 2015, by Sandy Bliss, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by president, Don Rodarte, with the Pledge of Alliance.

The Minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were read by Secretary, Sandy Bliss.

Corrections to the March Minutes:

1. Don said the Men's Group at the Church of The San Juans in Ridgeway meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month. Their next meeting is this coming Saturday, April 18th at 8:00 a.m.
2. Garry also had corrections to the Minutes regarding his information on a possible hunt in the Pinion Bridge location, which he would clarify later in the meeting.

Bill made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected. Jim seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved by members.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Judy Kuntz. Rick made a motion to approve the Report. It was seconded by Lon and approved by members.

Don extended a warm welcome to all our guests, which included Kourtney (guest of Darlene), Susie Sierra of Brownville, Texas and her fiancé Donnie – also from Texas, but he's been here for 20 years. And the Dambrosios...Kimberly and Rick.

New Business

Don said he will be giving a presentation to the Men's Group of the Church of the San Juans in Ridgeway this coming Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. And...one of their members who was our visitor from last month, Ken Sloan, a retired geologist, will be giving a presentation to us at our June meeting, which is scheduled for **Monday, June 22nd**. Ken has a lot of knowledge and experience to share with us.

Old Business

Don said he was unable to find another pin pointer for our raffle, however, he was able to obtain a used detector – a very light weight 250 in excellent condition. He said, “It was owned by a little old lady who used it only on Sunday afternoons”. So we should be having another raffle soon!

Garry reported that he had driven to Pinion to check out the area for a possible club hunt. He said, “It was a total disaster...junk, rocks, and lots of obstacles around the sides of the creek”. He said he has talked with the owners of the property and we have permission to hunt there, but he believes there is quite a risk of someone getting injured. Garry said he drove over 200 miles getting there and back – and he didn't recommend anyone driving over on Hiway 90 – if it rains,

“it could be treacherous”. He said there is public access for gold panning in the area below the campground. Also across the road are some sites with a number of old buildings. He reminded us that when we are detecting, we are not to go inside any buildings – only detect around them. (Note to members: Again, I may have some of Garry's information wrong, so please check with him for additional clarification.)

Don explained that you can obtain a permit from the BLM to hunt on public use lands. You need only the BLM's permission and only pans and sluice are allowed - no motorized equipment at all. This differs from our Club's Claim forms, which require signatures from BLM and the Club. See Henry Kuntz for the Club's required form.

Discussion followed on the possibility of going to hunt individually or in a group in the Pinion area. Judy suggested it would be safer to go as a group in the event someone gets injured. Don suggested that we wait until later in the year after the run off and members agreed.

Club Hunt

Garry said we have permission to hunt on a vacant lot with an old house that was built in 1903 or 04. The Historical Society is also involved, so keep this in mind if you find anything that would be of interest to them. The date is **Sunday – April 26th**. **We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the downtown City Market.** We will then drive to the site from there. Bring your lunch and plenty of water.

Welcome Home Montrose Veterans Treasure Hunt

Garry said that volunteers are still needed to help veterans with their detecting adventure on **Thursday - May 14** – from 9am to 2pm. He passed out a sign-up sheet for those available to help. Garry said a total of 3 gold nuggets have been donated by Henry Kuntz and Ben Golden. He's hoping for donations of silver dollars. Judy suggested that a silver necklace that would be detectable would also be great. You can bring your donations to the UTC May meeting on Monday – May 11th.

Find of this Month Winners:

Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Dodds	1956 Wheat Penny
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Don Dodds	Mexican 50 Centavos
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	No Entry	No Entry
D JEWELRY	Earl Bryan	Bracelet
E NON METALLIC TOYS	Judy Kuntz	Toy Ball
F NON METALLIC RELICS	Garry Melugin	Insulator
G RELICS	Garry Melugin	Old Iron
H MODERN METALLIC	Judy Kuntz	Knife
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Corole O'Donnell	Quartz Crystals
J DISPLAYS	Don Dodds	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Garry Melugin	Old Iron

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	4								
Bryan, Earl				1								
Davis, Tom		13	12									
Dodds Sharon			1									
Dodds, Don		1		6								
Forrey, John		13										
Golden, Ben	4	6	3									
Helmick, Lon		1		1								
Kuntz, Henry		5	6	4								
KUNTZ, Judy	5	8	7	9								
Lamb, Troy	1											
Lowe, Jim	2		2	1								
Melugin, Garry		3		7								
O'Donnell, Bob				1								
O'Donnell, Carole	1			3								
Rodarte, Don	4	4										
Scheideman, Sandy	5											
Waugh, Jim	1											

Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Sharon Dodds	150
Ben Golden	34
Lon Helmick	44
Tom Davis	34
Carole O'Donnell	14

Birthdays in May:

Earl Bryan
Nancy Collum
Thomas Davis
Sherri Lamb
Duane Renfrow
Jasper Sandoval
Gary Shier
Karla Waltz

Upcoming Events:

WELCOME HOME MONTROSE “NO BARRIERS—2015” VOLUNTEERS

Important meeting at Warrior Resource Center on Wednesday May 6th. At 1730. How about 5:30. It is important that you attend this meeting. It will be on information about the Veterans that are coming to “NoBarriers2015”.

They are medically retired veterans with various types of injuries. This includes: PTSD, Blind, Amputee’s, and those that need Wheel Chairs.

This is a Potluck type of meeting, so bring something. If you can.

On the day of the Hunt, please bring bug repellent, hats, sun screen and of course you should bring your own lunch. Lunch will be provided for the Vets. There is a toilet located at the Rest Stop at the turn off to Black Canyon. Please bring a lawn chair for yourself and also a chair (lawn chair) for the Veteran that you will be working with, and an extra chair just in case more people are there. We will have lunch at the Rest Stop. There are picnic tables there and I will bring a couple of tables. Any additional information will be discussed at our May 11th meeting. Hopefully, there will be a special presentation for Mr. Nick Gray, who was at Pearl Harbor and Guadalcanal.

Thank You so much for being a part of this. --- Garry

Upcoming Events Calendar:

April 26th----- Club hunt on property with an old house. Meet 8:00 am at downtown City Market parking lot.

May 6th----- 5:30 pm, Montrose Warrior Resource Center, potluck informational meeting in preparation for May 14th treasure hunt.

May 11th----- Club meeting. Night hunt is scheduled, so bring your detectors.

May 11th----- 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.

May 14th----- Welcome Home Montrose veterans treasure hunt, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

June 22nd----- Club meeting. Note change of date. Guest speaker will be Ken Sloan, a retired geologist.

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?