

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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Website: <http://www.UncompahgreTreasureClub.com>

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse September 14, 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:

Aug. 27, 2015

I was very excited to see everyone who attended the club hunt and picnic. It was another fun and fine day of hunting and fantastic food. We are coming to the last part of the year and there are quite a few events left on our calendar. I'm hoping that everyone will be available to take part. The next meeting is on the 14th of September and we will have quite a few items to discuss. Remember there are squares on the raffle board left and it would be great to see someone win the Garrett ACE250 metal detector. On a personal note: "Thank You" to all of you who have shared your thoughts and prayers with Shelly and me. It's been a blessing to know you're there for such wonderful support. We meet with oncology in the coming weeks and we'll know more soon. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.....Don, (p.s) Get out there and detect! The finds table was awesome ...great job

Secretary's Report:

Uncompahgre Treasure Club Minutes of August 10, 2015 by Sandy Bliss, Secretary.

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

The Minutes of the July 2015 meeting were read by Sandy. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Judy K, seconded by Gary M and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Judy Kuntz. A motion to approve the report was made by Gary M, seconded by Marlene M and approved.

Don said he hoped everyone enjoyed yesterday's annual picnic and the hunt that followed. He asked members to make suggestions and offer their ideas for future picnics and activities. He also reminded members to visit the club's new website: www.uncompahgretreasureclub.com,

created for us by Jim Waugh. The website contains our newsletters and photos, and is a great way for keeping up on current activities. Don explained that he will be reminding members of coming activities through emails and phone calls.

Club Hunt- Uncompahgre Property

Don thanked Gary for finding the Uncompahgre property for our last hunt. He said he found lots of interesting items. He encouraged members to submit their suggestions of possible properties that might become available as a future hunt.

Don explained that the owner of this property – like many others – required that each member participating in the hunt sign a liability waiver. To simplify this requirement, he suggested members sign a blanket waiver that would apply to all future hunts. He also suggested that this waiver could be included as part of the Club's membership form.

Raffle for Detector

Don reminded members that the raffle for the detector still has available squares to purchase for only \$2.50 per square. He said the next raffle will be for another pin pointer.

Ouray Historical Society Update

After Don's request to the Ouray Historical Society for a hunt was met with “no interest”, Dave of Mr. Detector said he was acquainted with a member of the Society. After discussing the request with this member, Dave reported, “Unfortunately, this person isn't in the upper tier and he was afraid the request would just get lost”. Don said we would try again in the future.

Guest Speakers

Don said he would be calling Ken Sloan and Dave Drew to see if they would return for another presentation. Gary M also suggested that we contact Bob McCulloch who “is a wealth of information”.

Possible Activities

Members discussed possible activities and places to go – as a group or as individuals. Don said the river at the Club's claim is still fairly high and running fast. He believes this may improve by the end of the month and suggested we might plan a Club picnic and clean up. It would be a great way for interested members to see the claim, as well as meet the Club's annual requirement by the BLM to spend \$100 worth of work on maintenance in order to receive a waiver for the annual \$1300 fee. (We pay \$10.) Members were encouraged to report the time they spend at the claim, which will help meet the requirement.

The lower end of Pinion was also discussed. Even though Pinion is quite a long drive from Montrose, the water level is much lower. Visitors to the area need to watch for snakes and bears. The area includes private property as well as other claims and public use land. Gary said the owner of the private property asked that anything of value that is found is to be turned

over to the Historical Society. He has the owner's phone number for anyone interested in detecting on the property. Don Dodds added that he had hunted at Pinion, but found nothing.

Don reminded everyone to take their club membership card and name tag when they plan to visit a site. He said it's also a good idea to take someone with you, and be careful of pits and snakes.

Next Year Event for Veterans

Gary reported that the Welcome Home Montrose – No Barriers event will be held next year, but no date has been set. He said he is starting early to obtain donations for the event and would appreciate any ideas and suggestions from members. He is hoping to have the Club Hunt for the veterans at the Lions Club Park. An idea was offered that perhaps the Club could also provide a meal for the veterans following the hunt.

Gary said he has asked Sports Authority for a donation of metal detectors and he's waiting on their decision. He also said that Sports Authority gives a 15% discount to veterans and Home Depot gives 10%.

Finds Table

Henry requested that the new category (What Is It?) that was voted on at the last meeting be deleted. He believes the current categories already provide adequate choices.

Judy's Suggestion

Judy explained that when we are digging for an item, we need to remember to make a 3/4 cut around the area rather than cutting all the way around. The 3/4 cut can be laid back, and when done, firmly pressed back into place with your foot. If a whole circular cut is used, and the grass is mowed, the mower tends to pull up the grass, leaving a hole. She said if you have a bottle of water, you can also add a little water to the soil to make the hole less noticeable. She said the Club has lost access to detecting at several schools because of using the wrong technique and leaving holes in the area.

Dates to Remember

Monday – September 14- Club Meeting
- Agenda item: Club's Christmas project

Sunday – September 27- Club Yard Sale

In the absence of a second Club auction, members discussed possible fund-raising activities. It was decided that a 'Yard Sale' will be held at Mr. Detector's parking lot (thanks to Dave's offer). Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m.

Monday – October 12 – Club Meeting

Monday – November 9 – Club Meeting

1. Election of Officers for 2016
2. A volunteer is needed for our coffee/refreshments

Monday- December 14 – Club Christmas Dinner/Party

Find of this Month Winners:

July, 2015		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Rodarte	1930 Wheat cent
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	John Forrey	1888 50 Cent Mexican Coin
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	John Forrey	14K Gold Ring
D JEWELRY	Sharon Dodd's	Israel Defense Forces Tag
E NON METALLIC TOYS	George Shiflet	Plastic Dinosaur
F NON METALLIC RELICS	John Forrey	Sanfords Ink Bottle
G RELICS	John Forrey	1900's Bottle Opener
H MODERN METALLIC	Garry Melugin	1968 Bicycle Tag
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Jim Waugh	Mineral Specimen
J DISPLAYS	Don Rodarte	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	John Forrey	14K Gold Ring

Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Sharon Dodds	345
Ben Golden	34
Lon Helmick	44
Tom Davis	48
Carole O'Donnell	14
Henry Kuntz	26
Judy Kuntz	171
Don Dodds	8
John Forrey	488

Birthdays in September

Christina Carney
Mitch Collum
Amy Hatton
Troy Lamb

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
Bliss, Sandy						2						
Bryan, Earl				1	2			6				
Cook, James						1						
Culver, Rick	3	4	5	4	2		5	4				
Davis, Tom		13	12		8	9	4	6				
Dodds Sharon			1				2	3				
Dodds, Don		1		6	4	6		3				
Forrey, John		13						15				
Golden, Ben	4	6	3		1							
Helmick, Lon		1		1		5	2	4				
Hillis, Harold						4						
Howell, Darlene						1	1					
Kuntz, Henry		5	6	4	4	5						
KUNTZ, Judy	5	8	7	9	7	11	4	4				
Lamb, Troy	1											
Lehmann, Dave					3			2				
Lowe, Jim	2		2	1		1						
Melugin, Garry		3		7	5	7	7	4				
O'Donnell, Bob				1	1							
O'Donnell, Carole	1			3	2							
Richburg, Betty						1						
Rodarte, Don	4	4			2	2	6	6				
Rodarte, Shelly					2		1	1				
Scheideman, Sandy	5											
Shier, Gary						2						
Shifflet, George								2				
Waltz, Karla						4	2	4				
Waugh, Jim	1							3				

Events Calendar:

December 14th--- No regular meeting, potluck Christmas party begins at 6:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

November 9th---- Club meeting, election of new officers, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

October 12th ----- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park clubhouse

September 27th-- Yard sale fundraiser at Mr. Detector store, 1134 N. Townsend Ave., setup at 9:00 am

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Wisdom:

“If you want to slow down when detecting, detect walking backwards.”

Photo Gallery:

Photos from the summer treasure hunt and picnic are available for viewing in the “Photo Gallery” at the club website, <http://www.uncompahgretreasureclub.com/> .