

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse November 9, 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:**

Oct. 31, 2015

I want to thank everyone who attended the hunt for the Mesa sheriff's dept. Although we didn't find what they were looking for, we had a good day and it was very interesting to do that kind of search. I recently wrote everyone about the LOSTMYSTUFF.NET group and asked you to sign up. It's free and doesn't take very long to sign up. If you need me to resend you the info, let me know and I'll resend it. I have received the stickers and will hand them out at the next meeting. I have a guest speaker coming for November's meeting. Jon Horn from Alpine Archaeological Consultants will come and speak and answer questions. He has been an archaeologist for many years in this area and may have the answers to our questions, should be very interesting. The food drive is in full swing. If you wish to donate, please bring your items to the meeting so we can get them to the Sharing Ministries soon. If you have a birthday in November, remember to look for a greeting card from JIB JAB, it may be in your junk folder. Hope to see you at the meeting. ....Don

## **Secretary's Report:**

Uncompahgre Treasure Club Minutes of October 12, 2015

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

The Minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting were read by Secretary, Sandy Bliss, and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer, Judy Kuntz, and approved. Judy reported that the Club's yard sale held at Mr. Detector's parking lot resulted in funds of \$213.

Don welcomed guests to the meeting – Michael Richburg and Andy Roesch – both of Montrose.

Don said that Dave of Mr. Detector had received a request from the Mesa County Sheriff's Office for help in finding evidence in an ongoing investigation. Those interested in bringing their detectors and helping in the search are to meet at 8:00 am on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the parking lot on Highway 50 - mile marker 57 (near Well's Gulch). He said the areas to be searched are in a drainage ditch approximately 2-3 miles from the river...some areas can be rugged and difficult. The Mesa County Sheriffs will conduct a briefing before the search and have sample items of what they are looking for. Those participating must sign in and sign out before leaving. They will be working with two groups who will search from opposite ends of the area. Cold water and lunch will be provided by the Sheriffs. For members who plan to volunteer, bring your equipment, a canteen of water, sunscreen, a hat, wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and bring a snack and gum.

Jim Waugh reported on a free website that provides a list of individuals with metal detectors who are willing to volunteer their help to find lost items. The organization has over 2500 members from all over the world. They have car stickers available for a donation of \$1.50 that would advertise the services. Jim thought this would be a great way to not only help others, but increase membership as well. Check out the website at [www.lostmystuff.net](http://www.lostmystuff.net) and sign up as a volunteer if you're interested. Don made a motion that the Club purchase 10 car stickers, it was seconded by Tom and approved by members.

Don reported that the idea of jackets with the club logo on them turned out to be very expensive. As an alternative, he asked if members would be interested in purchasing T-shirts with the club logo. Those members interested in the T-shirt, please let Judy know your size.

Regarding the request for clarification of metal detecting on BLM lands, Don received a letter from Ed Franz, BLM Director of Outdoor Recreation. Don said he would email a copy of Ed's letter to members, but basically Ed said:

There are no rules against metal detecting on BLM lands....however, all prehistoric objects generally over 50 years old are protected under the Antiquities Act as well as the Archaeological Reclamation Protection Act and may not be collected. In addition, metal detecting in archaeological sites is prohibited. He said metal detecting on mineral claims without permission is mineral trespassing.

Ed Franz is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Club's February meeting.

Don also received a response to his inquiry regarding this subject from John Horn of the Alpine Archaeological Consultants. Don is emailing a copy of John's letter to club members. John explained that it is against the law to metal detect for anything over 50 years old on lands

designated BLM, U.S. Forrest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife or any other federal agency land. He was not sure of the rules for detecting on State lands, but recommended against it.

John Horn is scheduled to be a guest speaker at the Club's January meeting. (*Editor's Note: This date has changed, and John Horn is now rescheduled to speak at November's meeting. See the President's Message above.*)

Don explained that we can use our metal detectors on the Club's claim, even if our BLM permit does not specifically include it. He recommended we do include the metal detector when we apply for next year's permit.

Gary said, "Basically it's what you collect, (anything over 50 years old) that can get you in serious trouble".

Judy added that if you find something you believe could be over 50 years old, place a marker on it, get the GPS coordinates, and let BLM know about it.

Another member suggested that if you find something of historical value, take a picture of it and report it to a local archaeologist. You could also enter your photo for the Find Of The Month.

Don and Judy reminded members to bring their food donations for Sharing Ministries at the next meeting. Judy said the Club has already donated some items and Sharing Ministries expressed sincere gratitude for all they have received.

Henry Kuntz reported on the results of the Find Of The Month.

Members participated in the Club's Night Hunt.

### **Club Officers for 2015**

Before adjourning the meeting, Don announced that members needed to vote on officers for 2016 and asked for names of anyone wanting to be considered for these positions. With no members responding, Don asked for nominations. Sandy Bliss for Secretary and Judy Kuntz for Treasurer were nominated and approved by members. Don Dodds declined to serve a second term as Vice President, and Don asked if Tom Davis would volunteer. He agreed to do so and was approved by members. A motion was made for Don Rodarte to continue as president and was approved by members. (As Club Secretary, I apologize to members for not recording names of those who were making and seconding nominations.)

Don reminded members that we are still in need of someone to take over from Rosie the duties

of coordinating our club meeting refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Find of this Month Winners:**

<b>September, 2015</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>A US COINS</b>	Don Rodarte	1950D Wheat Penny
<b>B FOREIGN COINS &amp; TOKENS</b>	Garry Melugin	1997 Australian Nickel
<b>C JEWELRY (SILVER &amp; GOLD)</b>	Ben Golden	10K Gold Ring
<b>D JEWELRY</b>	Sharon Dodds	Ring
<b>E NON METALLIC TOYS</b>	Dave Lehmann	Baseball
<b>F NON METALLIC RELICS</b>	Don Rodarte	Old river worn brick
<b>G RELICS</b>	Shelly Rodarte	Old car ashtray
<b>H MODERN METALLIC</b>	Don Rodarte	Survival knife
<b>I MINERAL SPECIMENS</b>	Lon Helmick	Rock specimen
<b>J DISPLAYS</b>	Garry Melugin	Display
<b>FIND OF THE MONTH</b>	Ben Golden	10K Gold Ring

**Pull Tab Summary:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NO. OF TABS</b>
Sharon Dodds	382
Ben Golden	34
Lon Helmick	49
Tom Davis	64
Carole O'Donnell	37
Henry Kuntz	26
Judy Kuntz	206
Don Dodds	21
John Forrey	488

**Birthdays in November**

Peggy Culver
Sharon Dodds
Judy Kuntz
Garry Melugin
Marlene Mitchell
Becky Waugh

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

## Events Calendar:

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

November 9<sup>th</sup>---- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

## Wisdom:

“When finding a target, ‘creep’ up on the target slowly where it becomes loudest.”