

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse February 8, 2016 7:00 PM

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

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

Jan. 31, 2016

The meeting, starting the New Year, had great attendance and was very informative and full of new ideas for the upcoming year. February's meeting will have Ed Franz from the BLM as a guest speaker. At our first board meeting we had some very interesting ideas and hope we can put together some fun and exciting events. I want to ask that we get the raffle board for the quilt Rosie made filled, she worked very hard and would like to see someone enjoy her fine artwork. I'm hoping to see all of you at the next meeting, "February 8th", and be safe thru this winter weather were having .....Don

## **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of UTC Meeting of January 11, 2016

Submitted by Sandy Bliss, Secretary

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

Secretary, Sandy Bliss, read the UTC Minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Garry Melugin, seconded by Marlene Mitchell, and approved by members.

Treasurer, Judy Kuntz, read the Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the Report was made by Tony Carney, seconded by John Forrey, and approved by members.

Don Rodarte presented "Special Appreciation" certificates to Rosie Lowe for the beautiful quilts she makes and donates to the club to raise funds, and to Jim Waugh for creating the UTC website, which includes photos taken by Jim of our club activities. Sincerest thanks to Rosie

and Jim for their contributions.

Judy Kuntz reminded members that the annual UTC dues of \$24 is now due. She also reminded us that there are still squares available on the raffle board for Rosie's latest quilt, \$2.50 per square. In addition, Judy explained that the only pull tabs eligible for the yearly award are those that are found while metal detecting.

Judy also reported that the UTC Annual Picnic date has been set for August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. She explained that anyone wanting to help with preparations will meet outside at 2:00 p.m. A very important instruction is that we are NOT allowed inside the building before 3:00 p.m. (this includes the inside restrooms). She said cleaning supplies are now located in a room near the restrooms.

Don reported that he hopes to have Ed Franz of the BLM as our guest speaker at our February meeting. Don asked members to email him with questions they have about BLM rules and regulations. Don will then forward these to Ed.

Henry Kuntz said he has been attempting to get more information about a home on Ogden Road that “was sold to the ‘Bridges’ in 2008”, but still leased by the previous owner, as a possible detecting opportunity for the club. Discussion followed and Don said he will try to get more information on the current status.

Don reported that a UTC Board Meeting will be held soon and plans for a unique treasure hunt will be discussed. He said the hunt will be a “process of clues” - - more information is coming in February.

Jim Waugh and Garry Melugin raised the subject of the “Western & Eastern Treasures” magazine. Thanks to Jim, our website is now listed in the magazine. Garry said only one state park (Ridgeway) was listed for metal detecting in Colorado. Garry said there is conflicting information from Colorado State Park Rangers, and more clarification is needed regarding metal detecting in Colorado State Parks. Hopefully, Ed Franz can address this subject. Don said he hopes to submit an article soon about our club.

Don still has UTC bumper stickers available for \$2 each. This is a great way to advertise the club and recruit new members. Tom Davis said several individuals who saw his bumper sticker asked him for more details.

One of our members, Earl Bryan, has been absent for a couple of months with a serious shoulder injury, but hopes to be able to return in February. From all of us...”We miss you Earl - and wish you a speedy recovery”.

Don reminded members that it's time to obtain your 2016 “Casual Use Placer Operations”

permit from BLM. Be sure to have it signed by one of the following claim owners: Henry Kuntz, Garry Melugin or Dave Lehmann. Don said to “check everything” in the motorized and non-motorized section even if you do not own certain equipment. This will allow you to work with someone who does. He recommended we read the “Management Practices” on the back of the form to be familiar with all the rules. For the “anticipated end date” enter 12-31-2016 on the form. It is also recommended that each family member have a BLM permit with them when they are at the claim.

Dave Lehmann reported that the next swap meet in the Mr. Detectors parking lot is scheduled for Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Garry Melugin reported that the events previously scheduled for the Montrose veterans will now be held every other year. The next event will be held in 2017.

After a break for refreshments, Henry Kuntz announced the evening's winners of the “Find of the Month” - and a raffle for door prizes was conducted by Don and Duane.

A Special Note to Shelly Rodarte: We miss you, Shelly, and keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you travel this difficult journey. We hope to see you back with us soon.

### **Find of this Month Winners:**

<b>December, 2015</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>A US COINS</b>	Tom Davis	1941 Mercury dime
<b>B FOREIGN COINS &amp; TOKENS</b>	Tom Davis	Religious medal
<b>C JEWELRY (SILVER &amp; GOLD)</b>	Tom Davis	Silver turquoise ring
<b>D JEWELRY</b>	John Forrey	Barcelona lapel pin
<b>E NON METALLIC TOYS</b>	John Forrey	Dino spinner
<b>F NON METALLIC RELICS</b>		
<b>G RELICS</b>	John Forrey	1940's Boy Scout Neckerchief slide
<b>H MODERN METALLIC</b>	John Forrey	I phone with case
<b>I MINERAL SPECIMENS</b>	Tom Davis	Apache tears
<b>J DISPLAYS</b>	John Forrey	Display
<b>FIND OF THE MONTH</b>	Tom Davis	Silver Turquoise ring

## Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winner												
NAME	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	Feb. 2016	Mar. 2016	Apr. 2016	May. 2016	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Aug. 2016	Sept. 2016	Oct. 2016	TOTAL
Peggy Culver	1											
Rick Culver	4											
Tom Davis	12											
John Forrey	13											
Judy Kuntz	2											
Dave Lehmann	2											

## Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Tom Davis	5

## Birthdays in February:

Sharrol Haglund

## Events Calendar:

August 14<sup>th</sup>---- Annual club picnic and treasure hunt, 3:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse, preparers meet outside at 2:00 pm

April 24<sup>th</sup>----- Swap meet at Mr. Detector store, 1134 N. Townsend Ave.

February 8<sup>th</sup>--- BLM Outdoor Recreation Director, Ed Franz, will speak at the club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

## Wisdom:

“Every hunt is an adventure, and every adventure turns up treasures, hopefully!”