

## Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse March 14, 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:**

March 1, 2016

Another great meeting, Edd Franz was very informative and it was a pleasure to listen to the answers to questions we put to him in advance. Thank you to those who submitted questions and to all of you for making Edd feel right at home. He told me that it was a real pleasure to meet a group like the Uncompahgre Treasure Club, and to know how much we are willing to learn the right way to follow the rules and regulations. For more info on this subject direct your web browser to the (electronic) U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, <http://www.ecfr.gov/>, Title 43, Part 3800, "Mining Claims under the General Mining Laws."

WHAT A GREAT CLUB.... I have been impatiently waiting for the move of the house on south 5th St., that's why I've been making contact with all members and making sure all is ready when the house is moved, so keep an eye on your emails. The house is in the process, it's just been slow. So don't forget our next meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there. Attendance has been fantastic, keep it up. Welcome back Earl we've missed you, and Ben and Ilene good to see you again.....

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of UTC Meeting of February 8, 2016

Submitted by Sandy Bliss, Secretary

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

The Minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were read by Sandy Bliss, Secretary. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Judy Kuntz, seconded by Dave Lehmann and unanimously

approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Judy Kuntz, Treasurer. A motion to approve the Report was made by Tony Carney, seconded by Dave Lehmann and unanimously approved.

Don welcomed guests – Bob Abbott of Montrose, Darrell LeMay from Florence, CO, and our guest speaker, Edd Franz of the BLM office of Montrose.

Don reminded members that squares are still available for the raffle of Rosie's beautiful quilt. The next raffle will be for a pin pointer.

Don said that the old antique store located on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to be moved soon and he is checking on the availability of another club hunt on the vacant property.

Henry Kuntz, Tom Davis and Don are working on a plan for a club treasure hunt. This will be an ongoing process of clues – not requiring GPS – that will take place over several months. More details will be coming.

The following is the schedule of UTC activities for this year:

**April 11** – Our first night hunt here at the Lions Club. One hundred dollars in 50 cent pieces will be hidden in the front grassy area.

**April 24** – Swap Meet in the parking lot at Mr. Detector's – 9:00 a.m.

**May 9** – Tentative - guest speaker.

**June 13** – Demonstrations and practice of sluicing, panning, and metal detecting tips.

**July – Date TBD** – A club visit to the Claim for a picnic, panning and any maintenance needed.

**August 14** – Annual UTC picnic and hunt – 3:00 pm Lions Club

**September 12**– Tentative – Club Auction

**October 10** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Night Hunt – Lions Club

**November 14** – Vote on UTC Officers for 2017

**December 12** – Annual Christmas Party

Don reminded members to make sure they have signed up to be included on the Club's Liability Waiver. Dave Lehmann suggested that the Club's membership application for new members include the Liability Waiver.

Garry Melugin reported that he had contacted four Colorado State Parks for clarification of the rules regarding items found while detecting in the parks, but unfortunately, he received different answers. Don encouraged anyone who finds an item that has to be turned in to "Take a picture of it". You can submit the picture at the next month's Find of the Month.

Don introduced the evening's guest speaker: **Edd Franz, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner.** Edd's extensive presentation helped clarify many of the rules for metal detecting on public lands administered by the BLM. The following are just a few of the topics he covered:

a) Metal detecting for gold and other nonrenewable resources such as rocks, mineral specimens, common invertebrate fossils and semiprecious gemstones IS permitted on public lands.

b) Metal detectors may NOT be used for purposes of disturbing or removing protected resources such as archaeological and historic remains.

c) Metal detecting IS permitted on old\_hunting campsites IF the campsite is less than 100 years old. When in doubt, Edd recommended we call Glade Hadden, local archaeologist at (970) 240-5303.

d) Collecting rocks on public lands and wilderness study areas is permitted.

e) Uranium mines and other old mine sites are probably more than 100 years old and therefore are historical sites and metal detecting is not permitted.

Duane asked about panning for gold in the many creeks in our area. Edd said this is permitted as long as you are certain you are not on someone's claim.

Jim asked about metal detecting and picking up rocks in wilderness and wildlife study areas. Edd said this is permitted as long as there is no digging.

Edd Franz concluded his presentation by expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to speak to the club. He said, "Nationally the Outdoor Recreation Planning efforts are much more focused on working with local communities".

For more information, Edd can be reached at (970) 240-5337

(Editor's note: Edd Franz recorded a 17-minute movie in March, 2013, entitled "Recreational Gold Mining on the San Miguel River: Lessons Learned", which is available for viewing on

YouTube here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtQgc4woucM> )

Following Edd's presentation, a raffle for door prizes was conducted by Duane and Don.

Find of The Month winners were announced by Henry Kuntz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

January, 2016		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Rick Culver	1964 Dime
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	John Forrey	Car wash token, Redlands drive-in dairy
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	John Forrey	Large cross
D JEWELRY	John Forrey	Black cat earring
E NON METALLIC TOYS	John Forrey	Tomas the engine, toy train engine
F NON METALLIC RELICS	no entry	
G RELICS	no entry	
H MODERN METALLIC	John Forrey	Micheal Kors watch
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	no entry	
J DISPLAYS	John Forrey	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	John Forrey	Micheal Kors watch

### **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	4										
Tom Davis	12											
John Forrey	13	14										
Judy Kuntz	2											
Dave Lehmann	2											
James Lowe		1										

### **Pull Tab Summary:**

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Tom Davis	5
John Forrey	171
Lon Helmick	5

### **Birthdays in March:**

Kimberly D'Ambrosio
Ron Haglund
Lon Helmick
Carole O'Donnell
Marion Phillips

## **Events Calendar:**

- December 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas pot luck dinner, 6:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
November 14<sup>th</sup> - Club meeting, election of officers for 2017, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
October 10<sup>th</sup> -- Club meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> night hunt so bring your detectors and also nomination of club officers for 2017, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
September 12<sup>th</sup> - Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse, tentative club auction  
August 14<sup>th</sup> ---- Annual club picnic and treasure hunt, 3:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse, preparers meet outside at 2:00 pm  
July ----- 1 day fun trip to the club's mining claim for gold panning, detecting and claim maintenance, exact date TBD  
July 11<sup>th</sup> ----- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
June 13<sup>th</sup> ----- Club meeting, demonstrations of gold panning, sluicing and metal detecting tips, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
May 9<sup>th</sup> ----- Club meeting, guest speaker TBD, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
April 24<sup>th</sup>----- Swap meet at Mr. Detector store, 1134 N. Townsend Ave., 9:00 am  
April 11<sup>th</sup> ----- Club meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> night hunt so bring your detectors, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse  
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## **Wisdom:**

“When securing permission to hunt a property, treat the owner with respect, honesty, kindness and generosity.”

## **Photo Gallery:**



Edd Franz, BLM Recreation Director, speaks to the club regarding detecting on public lands



Don Rodarte, UTC President, and Edd Franz, BLM Recreation Director