

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse May 9, 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:

May 2, 2016

For all of you who made it out to the hunt at Cerise Park, I hope you had some good luck. I was amazed at the amount of metal targets that were there. I'm glad there were some good finds and hope our next hunt doesn't have as much metal as did this place.....Our next meeting is May 9th and hope to see you all there. We will discuss the time and date of the next hunt on south 5th St. I've been trying to get a guest speaker for this next meeting, but will not know till Tuesday if he can join us. I really hope Richard Fike can come speak. He will be a very interesting speaker whom I'm sure you will enjoy. The pinpointer will be up for raffle this month and we will have discussions about upcoming events, including a new treasure hunt objective ...So I hope to see everyone soon.....Don

Secretary's Report:

UTC Minutes of April 11, 2016

Submitted by Sandy Bliss, Secretary

President, Don Rodarte, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the evening's guests: Pamela McKay, Jerry and Jan Letterman, Steve and Mary Warner, Sarah and Isaac (I failed to record their last names).

The Minutes of the March 14th meeting were read by Sandy Bliss. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Judy Kuntz, seconded by Garry Melugin, and approved by members.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Judy Kuntz, Treasurer. A motion was made by Jim Waltz, seconded by Eileen Golden, and approved by members.

Don called members' attention to numerous “free” items on the table in the back of the room. He also explained that a raffle for a Garret pinpointer will be available at next month's meeting.

Don said he had updated the UTC Bylaws (last updated in 2001). He read the updated version to members and discussion followed. Garry Melugin said the definition of a “member's status” needed clarification, so that a person does not join solely to have use of the club's claim. Dave Lehmann suggested the Bylaws be included on the club's website for members' review before voting. He also suggested additional definition for the term “family” to include only immediate family members. Don asked members to review the Bylaws and email their suggestions and comments to him.

Don said members need to make sure that they have signed the club's Liability Release Form, which protects the property owner if a member is injured during the hunt. He explained that the property on 5th Street is now ready for our club hunt and we have 2 full days available to us. He said the property runs from Selig to Townsend, and the owner will be on site during the hunt. If any historical items are found, Richard Fick wants to see them.

Once again emphasizing the importance of the Release of Liability Form, Don said he met with Tom Malloy, Montrose Director of Parks & Recreation, and we have permission for a club hunt at Cerise Park on a Saturday and Sunday. He stressed the importance of being respectful of property and turning in items of historical value. He said all fees have been waived. Members discussed possible dates for the hunt and Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st at 9:00 am each day was chosen.

The subject of the club's Special Treasure Hunt was discussed. Don said there are now clues available for the second site. For those who found the first site, members had to sign a board. For this second hunt, members are to fill in a “4 word clue” and the date and time found, and bring it to next month's meeting. He said the details of this special treasure hunt are still being developed. Clues for the first hunt are still available from Don or Tom.

Garry Melugin asked for clarification regarding metal detecting on BLM forest service areas and Federal Recreation Areas....such as Blue Mesa Reservoir. Don said he believes any Federal Recreation areas are off limits to metal detecting.

Jim Waugh asked members to notify him with updated addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Henry Kuntz reminded members that “There IS still gold in the San Juans”. He said someone found a good sized gold nugget....”somewhere between Ridgeway and Silverton”!!

Duane and Don conducted the evening's raffle.

Members participated in the club's night hunt....with approximately 290 coins found.
(300 coins were hidden.)

Henry Kuntz announced the Find of the Month winners.

Reminder: The club Garage Sale will be held on Sunday, April 24th in Mr. Detector's parking lot.

Marlene Mitchell said her friend still needs child care for a 6 year-old and a 9 year-old. Please call Marlene if you know of anyone available.

Our prayers are still needed for Shelly Rodarte as she continues her treatment.

Sincere thanks to everyone who brought all the great refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Find of this Month Winners:

| March, 2016 | | |
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| Category | Winner | Description |
| A US COINS | Darlene Howell | 1947 Walking Liberty Half Dollar |
| B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS | John Forrey | Greek 50 cent Euro |
| C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD) | Darlene Howell | Bracelet |
| D JEWELRY | John Forrey | Brass color Necklace & Elephant W/CZS |
| E NON METALLIC TOYS | Don Rodarte | School Girl figure |
| F NON METALLIC RELICS | John Forrey | Crystal cut salt shaker 100+ years |
| G RELICS | Darlene Howell | Knife |
| H MODERN METALLIC | Darlene Howell | Smith and Wesson Knife |
| I MINERAL SPECIMENS | Carole O'Donnell | Worm Fossil |
| J DISPLAYS | John Forrey | Display |
| FIND OF THE MONTH | Darlene Howell | Bracelet |

Find of the Month Scoreboard:

| Numbers in red denote find of the month winner | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NAME | Dec. 2015 | Jan. 2016 | Feb. 2016 | Mar. 2016 | Apr. 2016 | May. 2016 | Jun. 2016 | Jul. 2016 | Aug. 2016 | Sept. 2016 | Oct. 2016 | TOTAL |
| Sandy Bliss | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Earl Bryan | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Peggy Culver | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Rick Culver | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Tom Davis | 12 | | 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Don Dodds | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sharon Dodds | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Lon Helmick | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Darlene Howell | | | 2 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| John Forrey | 13 | 14 | | 14 | | | | | | | | |
| Henry Kuntz | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Judy Kuntz | 2 | | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dave Lehmann | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Lowe | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rosie Lowe | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bob O'Donnell | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Carole O'Donnell | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Dyllan Pittman | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Betty Richburg | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Don Rodarte | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Andy Roesch | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jim Waugh | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

Pull Tab Summary:

| NAME | NO. OF TABS |
|------------------|-------------|
| Tom Davis | 19 |
| John Forrey | 456 |
| Lon Helmick | 18 |
| Judy Kuntz | 15 |
| Henry Kuntz | 21 |
| Carole O'Donnell | 6 |

Birthdays in May:

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| Earl Bryan |
| Nancy Collum |
| Tom Davis |
| Sherri Lamb |
| Darrell LeMay |
| Duane Renfrow |
| Gary Shier |
| Karla Waltz |
| Mary Warner |

Events Calendar:

December 12th – Christmas pot luck dinner, 6:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

November 14th - Club meeting, election of officers for 2017, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

October 10th -- Club meeting, 2nd night hunt so bring your detectors and also nomination of club officers for 2017, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

September 12th - Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse, tentative club auction

August 14th ---- 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 11th ----- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

June 13th ----- Club meeting, demonstrations of gold panning, sluicing and metal detecting tips, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

May 9th ----- Club meeting, guest speaker TBD, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

April 30th & May 1st - metal detect at Cerise Park, 9:00 am both days

April 24th----- Swap meet at Mr. Detector store, 1134 N. Townsend Ave., 9:00 am

April 16th & 17th - metal detect at old house site on south 5th St., 9:00 am both days

Wisdom:

Remember to “Work your detector, don’t walk your detector!” Swing low and slow.

Photo Gallery:



Darlene practices before the night hunt.



Lon swings the coil for coins at night hunt.