

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse June 13, 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:**

June 5, 2016

Getting ready for our next meeting, and I hope our turnout is just as great as we've had in the past. It's been a pleasure seeing everyone participate and getting involved in the club. As you all may know, we are having an in house auction this coming meeting. It is a club fund raiser to support our club picnic and hunt coming in August. So please bring anything that you may feel would be enjoyed by someone else, and please don't be shy. Bring whatever you have that you would like to donate. It's always a fun night and we have lots of laughs.... The Treasure Hunt is going well with many of you having fun solving the clues, and working hard finding the locations. Keep up the good work! Want to wish everyone well and can't wait to see you all at the meeting.....Don

## **Secretary's Report:**

**UTC MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016**

Submitted by Sandy Bliss, Secretary

President, Don Rodarte, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the evening's guest: Leroy Krsiean, from Prescott, Arizona. Leroy said he's been a member of GPAA since 1999.

The Minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Garry Melugin, seconded by Tony Carney and approved by members.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Judy Kuntz, Treasurer. A motion to accept the Report was made by Rick Culver, seconded by Darryl LeMay.

**Update on Shelly Rodarte:** Don said Shelly's situation continues to be serious. Her sister is currently visiting and is hoping to take Shelly with her to visit their mother. He thanked members for their continued support and prayers.

**New Raffle Fund Raiser:** Don announced another fund-raising raffle – this time for a brand new pin pointer. For only \$2 a square, you can purchase a chance to win this great item. Darryl LeMay has the raffle board.

**Current UTC Treasure Hunt:** Don has this month's Treasure Hunt clues – as well as previous month's – for those who are participating. For this month, members must a) Work a crossword puzzle, b (Unscramble letters to make a four word clue, and c) Use the clues to take your detector and find a token. d) Write down the day and time that you find the token, and bring it to the June meeting. Don said the tokens are numbered, but the numbers have no significance other than to keep track of the tokens found. He said the tokens are buried and will have a strong signal. Please do not take more than **one** token. Have fun – and Good Luck to all!

**UTC By-Laws:** Thanks to Jim Waugh, Don said UTC Bylaws are now posted on the Club's website ([Uncompaghtreasureclub.com](http://Uncompaghtreasureclub.com)). Garry Melugin expressed concern about someone joining the club only to use the claim, and Don replied that anyone who doesn't attend meetings and participate in Club activities will be asked to leave. In addition, the Bylaws can be amended at any time. Garry Melugin made a motion to approve the Bylaws as written, seconded by Judy Kuntz and approved by members.

**Clarification of BLM Rules:** Don asked Rob Ernst of BLM for clarification regarding the rules for **guests** who accompany members to the Club's claim. He was told that each guest must complete a BLM permit form and have it with them when they're at the Claim. Don recommended that you ask the BLM office personnel to keep the form at their desk for pick up rather than mailing it, which could take several days. Regarding **family members** - Don was told that every family member over the age of 18 who visits the Claim **must** have their own permit, and must stay with the member at all times. Don urged members to read and understand the BLM rules on the back of their permits. He said, “This is super important!” And when on the claim, be sure you have 3 things with you: 1) your BLM permit, 2) your club membership card, and 3) your name tag.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Don said Richard Fick, curator and owner of the Mountain West Museum in Montrose was to be this evening's guest speaker, however, a recent surgery derailed the plans. Don said Richard is “an interesting fellow...a very nice

guy...and a retired archeologist” who has worked on the Little Big Horn and Sand Hill sites as well as many others. He said he has around half a million items in his museum and he is looking for volunteers (carpentry, brick laying, tour guides, etc.)...only a few hours at a time. If interested, contact Pam Fick at 240-3400 and she will give you a free tour.

**Club Hunt at Selig Property:** Don said the property on the corner of Selig and Townsend is now ready for our club hunt. Members chose the dates of Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 9:00 am both days. Bring your membership card and name tag.

**Cerise Park Club Hunt:** Don said John Malloy would like to see the items that members found at the Cerise Park hunt, and he was sure the items would be returned.

**Fund Raiser:** Since there was little participation at the Club Yard Sale at Mr. Detector's parking lot in April, Don said we need another fund raiser to help with the cost of the coins and prizes for our August hunt. He said the Club spends approximately \$2000 on coins and prizes. (Pennies are planted in the north field; dollars, half dollars and quarters in the west field; and nickels and dimes in the south field.) Therefore, we will have an in-house auction at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Annual Club Picnic** is scheduled for Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to socialize, meet new members and find treasure. This is a pot luck, so bring your favorite dish, your lawn chairs, your detector (and a spare one in case someone doesn't have one). Important reminder from Judy Kuntz: **Do not enter the building before 3pm!** Judy explained that others have reserved the building until 3pm. We are not allowed to use any of the indoor facilities until after 3pm...this includes the restrooms. If we fail to follow this instruction, we could expect to pay a much higher fee for use of the building in the future.

**July's Plans:** Tom Davis said the plans for a picnic and maintenance at the Claim may need to be rescheduled because of high water on the river. Don agreed and suggested we try for late July or early August when conditions are safer. He said when we go to the Claim, we can have demos, do some maintenance, have a picnic and make a day of it. This will help the club meet the BLM's requirement to keep our annual fees down. He reminded members that we must all have our permits, club membership cards and name tags.

**Marlene Mitchell** spoke to members regarding Shelly Rodarte. She would like to present Shelly with a basket filled with gifts and cards. Judy Kuntz suggested funny cards

– something to make her laugh. Marlene would like to collect these items at the next meeting.

**Instructions for the Finds Table:** Henry Kuntz explained that if you submit an entry on the Finds Table, please fill out your form correctly. If you're unsure, ask for help from Henry or another Club member. Remember to sign your name on the back of your entry. If you are a winner in one of the categories, remember to pick up your item before you leave, but leave your entry form for Henry. He said points are given to Find of the Month winners and at the end of the year, these points determine the First, Second, and Third Place winners for Find Of The Year.

Following the break, the raffle for door prizes was conducted by Duane and Tom.

Winners of the Finds Table were announced by Henry Kuntz.

Monthly Raffle Items: Please let Sandy Bliss know what raffle items you would like to see at our monthly meetings.

Don reminded everyone to update their current phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

Don expressed many, many thanks to all who continue to provide us with such wonderful treats. And to Judy for our coffee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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

April, 2016		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Henry Kuntz	1889 Indian Head Cent
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Andy Roesh	Colorado sales tax token
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	No entry	
D JEWELRY	Jerry Letterly	Cub Scout Tie clasp
E NON METALLIC TOYS	Lon Helmick	Clay Marble
F NON METALLIC RELICS	Judy Kuntz	Drawer Front
G RELICS	Rick D'Ambrosio	Double mouth twisted snaffle bit
H MODERN METALLIC	Deb Hyatt	Soons and Forks silver ware
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Garry Melugin	Quartz crystals
J DISPLAYS	Don Rodarte	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Henry Kuntz	1889 Indian Head Cent

## 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
Steve Warner	6

## Birthdays in May:

Henry Kuntz
Joanne Lowe
Shelly Rodarte
Andy Roesch

## 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
Sandy Bliss				1								
Earl Bryan				1	1							
Peggy Culver	1			2								
Rick Culver	4	4	4	3	3							
Rick D'Ambrosio					2							
Tom Davis	12		15									
Don Dodds			1									
Sharon Dodds			3									
Ben Golden					2							
Lon Helmick			5		5							
Darlene Howell			2	10								
Deb Hyatt					5							
John Forrey	13	14		14								
Henry Kuntz			2		4							
Judy Kuntz	2		6		7							
Dave Lehmann	2											
Jan Letterly					1							
Jerry Letterly					4							
James Lowe		1			1							
Rosie Lowe			3									
Garry Melugin					2							
Tina Melugin					1							
Marlene Mitchell					1							
Bob O'Donnell				2	1							
Carole O'Donnell				4	2							
Dyllan Pittman				1	1							
Betty Richburg			1									
Don Rodarte				4	4							
Andy Roesch			2		2							
Karla Waltz					1							
James Waltz					1							
Marry Warner					3							
Steve Warner					2							
Jim Waugh			2	1	1							

## **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, fundraiser auction – members bring yard sale items, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - metal detect at old house site on south 5<sup>th</sup> St., 9:00 am both days

## **Wisdom:**

Until next time, don't forget to fill those holes! The hobby you save may be your own.

Did you know: The Walking Liberty half dollar was designed by Adolph A. Weinman, who came to this country from Germany.