

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse September 11, 2017, 7:00 PM

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

## **President's Message:**

Hello Everyone. Well, the last few months have been a very busy time for the club and everyone's efforts have paid off with a very successful and fun time. My hat goes off to all involved. We will have a guest speaker this month. Edd Franz of the BLM will come out and give us an update on happenings at the BLM. If anyone has any questions they may want to be answered, e-mail them to me and I will forward them to him, so he may be prepared to answer the best he can. As you all may have read by my e-mail to you, Ben Golden was admitted to the hospital Friday and hopefully he will be O.K. I haven't heard anything from Ilene yet, but please keep him in your prayers. I also talked with Mitch Collum about Nancy who I thought may have had a stroke, but it's not. It's called Bell's Palsy and I would like to ask for prayers for a fast and safe recovery for her also. For those of you who are trying to make an attempt to solve clues to Forrest Fenn's poem, please bring them to the meeting. I am very interested if you and other members are having the same ideas. If we can put our heads together and come up with some good results, I think it would be fun to take a trip. So, I hope to see you all at the meeting Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Secretary's Report:**

### **Meeting of August 14, 2017**

President Don Rodarte called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Duane Renfrow.

Secretary Sandy Bliss read the Minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting. No changes were noted and the Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Kuntz read the Treasurer's Report. No changes were noted and the Report was

approved as read.

Don said our Veterans' Treasure Hunt was a huge success and he thanked the volunteers who helped in so many ways. Also... a special “Thank You” to Dave (“Mr. Detector”) for his contributions.

Don reminded members that our annual picnic will be on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Set up will begin at 2:00 pm. Bring side dishes and desserts – the Club will provide fried chicken.

Ben Crane's offer to visit his claim is still open to our members. He can be found at Caddis Flats Campground – look for the big American flag. You can call Ben at 970-773-0585 for more information.

A number of members made it to the Club's Claim on the weekend of August 12 & 13 and their hours help to keep the Club's annual fees to a minimum. Henry said we have not met the minimum requirement of hours.

Garry Melugin presented Tom Davis with a very personal gift, which was enjoyed by all.

Don said there have been many changes at the BLM recently, so he's inviting Edd Franz to be our speaker at our September meeting to bring us up to date on these changes.

Tom Davis said for those “super sleuths” in the club, he had handouts of a poem by the famous Forrest Finn. The poem contains clues to the chest of treasures – worth a million dollars – hidden by Finn. Tom hopes those interested members will bring their ideas to next month's meeting.

Tom said he also went to the Montrose Historical Society and found some interesting information about Dave Wood's family members who printed and hid \$10 gold pieces. Tom noted that this is the same Dave Wood who contributed \$50,000 to the recent renovation of the Ute Museum. See Tom for more information.

Don reminded members that our next club hunt will be on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 when we will be hunting at the Riverside School House. Don reminded members to make sure they have signed the Club's Waiver of Liability. Don asked members to be looking for possible sites for a club hunt.

Don Dodds had a suggestion for streamlining the hunts on the 3 fields on the day of the club picnic. After some discussion and clarification, his suggestion was approved.

John Forrey gave a report on his treasure hunting in July at the Central City's “Rush To The Rockies” hunt sponsored by the Black Hawk Casino. He said the fee was \$250 per person and

was limited to 85 participants, but only 80 signed up. He believes this event will be held again next July.

After Don asked for a show of hands of those wanting to have a club auction in September, it was determined that no auction will be held in September.

Don expressed how grateful we are for the wonderful refreshments that so many members continue to provide for us. A sincere THANK YOU from all of us!

After the break, Henry Kuntz announced the winners of the Finds Table.

Duane and Don conducted the Club Raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

### **Birthdays in September:**

Betsy Paul
Bobby Carroll
Christina Carney
Mitch Collum
Amy Hatton
Troy Lamb
Jim T Lowe

### **Pull Tab Summary:**

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Tom Davis	51
Lon Helmick	42
John Forrey	851

### **Find of the Month Winners:**

July, 2017		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	John Forrey	1909 V Nickel
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	John Forrey	Rancho Joloma Token
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	John Forrey	10K Gold Cameo
D JEWELRY	John Forrey	Flag Pendant
E TOYS (ALL)	Darlene Howell	Badge
F NON METALLIC RELICS	John Forrey	Gold Test Stone
G RELICS	Darlene Howell	Metal Shoe Form
H MODERN METALLIC	John Forrey	NRA Pocket Knife
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	John Forrey	Obsidian
J DISPLAYS	John Forrey	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	John Forrey	10K Gold Cameo

## Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winner												
NAME	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	May. 2017	Jun. 2017	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Sept. 2017	Oct. 2017	TOTAL
Joshua Burkholder								1				
Nanch Burkholder								1				
Sandy Bliss												
Earl Bryan			1	4	1							
Stephanie Carroll								1				
Tony Carney												
Peggy Culver				1								
Rick Culver			4	4	7	2	3	3				
Rick D'Ambrosio												
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds					3			2				
Sharon Dodds			2	2	1			3				
John Forrey		19	20					19				
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden		1			1							
Julie Anne Helmick		2					2					
Lon Helmick		4	5	5	6	4	7	1				
Harold Hillis												
Darlene Howell			2					2				
Deb Hyatt												
Henry Kuntz		1				12		4				
Judy Kuntz		3	6	5		11		3				
Dave Lehmann				3		6	9					
Jan Letterly												
Jerry Letterly												
James Lowe	3		1			2	2					
Rosie Lowe								2				
Garry Melugin		1	2		6		4					
Tina Melugin												
Marlene Mitchell												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell				2			1					
Dyllan Pittman												
Betty Richburg								1				
Don Rodarte		3				4						
Shelly Rodarte						2						
Andy Roesch				2								
Gary Shier												
Merlene Solis			1									
Karla Waltz												
James Waltz												
Marry Warner												
Steve Warner												
Jim Waugh					1		1					
Karla Waltz						1		1	1			

## Events Calendar 2017:

September 11<sup>th</sup> ---- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ---- Riverside School hunt, west side of Hwy 550 south of Montrose

October 9<sup>th</sup> ---- Club meeting, second night hunt and nomination of 2018 club officers,  
7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

November 13<sup>th</sup> ---- Club meeting and election of 2018 officers, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

December 11<sup>th</sup> ---- Club meeting and Christmas potluck dinner, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

## **Photo Gallery:**



Henry goes fishing at outing on club's placer gold claim

## **Wisdom:**

No matter what you are looking for, expect the unexpected! The next target you dig might make your day.