

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse October 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

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

President's Message:

Hi everyone. Just a short note to remind you we will be having a fundraiser auction at the next meeting October 9th. We hold these fundraisers to help support our events such as the night hunt in November and our Christmas party coming soon. If you have any unwanted items that may spark an interest in someone, please feel free to bring them to auction off. Please be aware that most items bring a small donation and items of great value may not. So choose your items carefully, but bring as many as you want. Voting for officers will be held at this meeting. Wes Hatton has volunteered to take Toms place as V.P., Judy has the nomination for Treasure, Sandy nomination for Secretary and I accept the nomination for President.

Secretary's Report:

UTC Secretary's Report

Meeting of September 11, 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 August 14 meeting. The Minutes were approved after the following changes were noted:

1. "Henry said we have **now** met the minimum requirement of hours."
2. "John Forrey gave a report on his treasure hunting in July at the Central City's 'Rush to the Rockies' hunt sponsored by the **Eureka Treasure Hunters' Club.**"

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

Club Hunt: Don reminded everyone of the Club's hunt at the old Riverside School on Saturday, September 16 – and Sunday, September 17. Starting at 9:00 am. The school is located south of town on Highway 550 just past the cemetery – on the west side of the highway. Take the frontage road – the school is surrounded by a chain link fence.

Club Fund Raiser: After discussion, members voted to have a club fund raiser (auction) in October and a club night hunt in November.

Finds Table Changes: Henry said beginning in January, the non-metallic category will be replaced with the category of “relics”. And a “miscellaneous” category will be added. Don stressed the importance of signing the back of each entry form.

Don reported that Ben Golden (Coco's dad) is back in Montrose Hospital and needs our thoughts and prayers. As of 9/11, he is in Room 361 and would be happy to have visitors. Judy Kuntz added that masks and gloves are available at the hospital – for the safety of Ben and any visitors. The Club will send a “get-well” card to Ben.

Nominations of Officers for 2018

Don asked for nominations for officers for the coming year. Garry Melugin nominated Don Rodarte for president, and Tom Davis for vice president. When no other nominations were offered, Sandy Bliss agreed to continue as secretary, and Judy Kuntz agreed to continue as treasurer.

Guest Speaker

Following the break, Don introduced the evening's guest speaker, Edd Franz, BLM's Acting Manager of the Gunnison Gorge Recreational Area. Edd shared information about recent changes in the Montrose BLM office. He brought several permit forms (including a permit for Recreational Placer Mining on Lands Not Subject to the 1872 Mining Law) and maps of two recreational areas. He said Ranger Ted Moe is still the only BLM law enforcement officer. He recommended that you report claim problems to Officer Moe rather than confronting any trespasser. Regarding the use of drones on public lands, Ed said the FFA is the regulatory agency for drones with two exceptions: 1) drones are not allowed in areas of fires and 2) not in designated wilderness areas. Both Edd and several members reported the frequent sightings of bears and even mountain lions. Don stressed again the importance of not going to the claim alone for safety reasons. In answer to Carol's question, Edd said battery operated equipment is not considered mechanized equipment and IS permitted, as well as metal detectors. Edd also clarified that bench placers (taking buckets of earth above the river channel) is not considered pleasure use and involves many requirements, including a bond.

After a short break, Don and Duane conducted the club raffle, followed by Henry's announcement of the winners of the Finds Table.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, October 9th

NOTE:

As of September 14, Ben Golden is out of the hospital and back home!

Birthdays in October:

John Forrey
Eileen Golden
Harold Hillis
Molly Nottingham
Beverly Shiflet
Rita C Silva

Pull Tab Summary:

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

Find of the Month Winners:

August, 2017		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Rodarte	1944 Wheat cent
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	No Entry	
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	George Shiflet	.925 Ring
D JEWELRY	George Shiflet	Turtle ring
E TOYS (ALL)	George Shiflet	Knight
F NON METALLIC RELICS	No Entry	
G RELICS	Josh Burkholder	Cut nail
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Rodarte	Door knocker
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Jim Waugh	Amethyst
J DISPLAYS	Nancy Burkholder	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	George Shiflet	.925 ring

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	TOT AL
Joshua Burkholder								1	2			
Nancy Burkholder								1	3			
Sandy Bliss												
Earl Bryan			1	4	1							
Stephanie Carroll								1	1			
Tony Carney												
Peggy Culver				1								
Rick Culver			4	4	7	2	3	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	2			
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		1			
Jan Letterly												
Jerry Letterly												
James Lowe	3		1			2	2		1			
Rosie Lowe								2				
Garry Melugin		1	2		6		4					
Tina Melugin												
Marlene Mitchell												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell				2			1		1			
Jerry Paul									1			
Dyllan Pittman												
Betty Richburg								1				
Don Rodarte		3				4			6			
Shelly Rodarte						2						
Andy Roesch				2								
Gary Shier												
George Shiflet									8			
Merlene Solis			1									
Karla Waltz												
James Waltz												
Marry Warner												
Steve Warner												
Jim Waugh					1		1		3			
Karla Waltz						1	1	1				

Events Calendar 2017:

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

October 9th ---- Club meeting, auction fund raiser & election of 2018 club officers,

7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

November 13th ---- Club meeting and night hunt, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

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

Photo Gallery:



Edd Franz, BLM, speaks to club regarding agency's activities