

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse May 14, 2018, 7:00 PM

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

President's Message:

It's already May and we are getting close to having a series of events that include an in-house auction to raise funds for our picnic and hunt, a trip to Tonopah with members this month, the club picnic and hunt. We are still trying to locate new areas to hunt and Sandy, Deb, and I are trying to put together a treasure hunt. If anyone has any ideas on hunt locations, please help us look. Many of you had the chance to try your luck at Cerise Park. I'll admit there's lots of trash out there, but there were many items found below that trash. My secret was to search in relic mode and discard overload iron hits, search again and again in coin and jewelry mode till no signal was left. Found my share of interesting finds. The Chipeta Lake area is open to us and maybe someone will find some interesting items there too. So, I hope to see everyone on the 14th and can't wait to see what the Finds Table will offer. Garry Melugin has been improving daily with the knee replacement, and we pray Carroll O'Donnell is doing very well, prayers to Ben Golden also. We have still yet to figure out the library situation. Your suggestions would be appreciated.....See you soon.....Don

Secretary's Report:

Meeting of April 9, 2018

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 March 12, 2018 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 welcomed guests, Marilyn and Vince DePrimo who learned of the club from Mr. Detector (Dave). They are moving to Montrose from the Denver area.

Don gave an update on Garry Melugin's recent knee replacement surgery. "He's in great spirits and already walking around." A "get well" card was passed around for members to sign.

Don also asked for prayers for John Forrey and his family who are having many health problems. He said John has recently experienced mini strokes.

On Sunday, March 25th, 10 members showed up at the Lions Clubhouse for Don's "Detecting 101" class on the best use of their metal detectors. It was informative and a lot of fun. Don said he hopes to have a follow up class soon: "Panning 101" on the basics of how to pan for gold, how to use a sluice, and how to read a river.

A club member asked about the possibility of a library for the club. Tom Davis said he spent two weeks sorting 1300 different magazines and would like to donate them to the club. He needs someone to catalog them. Deb Hyatt and Sandy Bliss volunteered to take on this task. Don Rodarte said he has books to donate on dowsing, dry wash, and maps of Arizona. The big question ...where to keep all these items for the library?

Don said plans for the monthly treasure hunt continue to be in the "planning" stages. No progress yet.

The suggestion box is turning out to be a big success. Don encouraged members to submit their suggestions and comments.

Don asked for a show of hands of those members who are planning to make it to Tonopah, Nevada, over the Memorial Day weekend. Tonopah is an old mining town and dump sites "where treasures galore can be found".

Duane Renfrow explained how he keeps our raffle "honest". He shared an experience where someone he once knew had devised a "not so honest" raffle. Fortunately, we have Duane and do not have to worry!

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

Before the club raffle, Don said that a club member, who wants to remain anonymous, explained that a relative once gave him a gift of a bag of old coins. This member donated six of these coins at the March meeting and tonight he donated another 5. Many thanks from all of us!

Duane and Wes conducted the raffle.

Following the raffle, members took their detectors and met on the west field for this year's first night hunt. Following the hunt, a count of the found coins was tallied and the meeting was adjourned.

Many thanks to Judy for our coffee and to those who brought the great treats. It is **always** appreciated!

Editor's Note: Garry Melugin informs us that the veteran to whom we have been taking the egg cartons has sold all of his chickens. Please do not bring any more egg cartons to the monthly meetings.

Birthdays in May:

- Nancy Collum
- Tom Davis
- Lizz Horcasitas
- Sherri Lamb
- Duane Renfrow
- Karla Waltz

Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	TOTA
Lon Helmick	40	30										
Sharon Dodds			195									
Henry Kuntz				12								
Judy Kuntz				14								

Find of the Month Winners:

March, 2018		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Rodarte	1945 walking liberty half dollar
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Sharon Dodds	Token
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Eileen Golden	Silver earring
D JEWELRY	Ben Golden	Copper bracelet
E TOYS (ALL)	Don Rodarte	Old roller skates
F Miscelaneous	no entry	
G RELICS	Don Rodarte	Free masons spoon
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Dodds	Multi tool
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	no entry	
J DISPLAYS	Don Dodds	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Don Rodarte	1945 walking liberty half dollar

Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winner

NAME	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	May. 2018	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Aug. 2018	Sept.	Oct. 2018	TOTAL
Joshua Burkholder												
Nancy Burkholder												
Sandy Bliss												
Earl Bryan												
Stephanie Carroll												
Tony Carney												
Jack Carson		2										
Mitch Collum			2									
Peggy Culver												
Rick Culver	8	4	5	3								
Rick D'Ambrosio												
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds		2	3	4								
Sharon Dodds		3	2	4								
John Forrey												
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden				3								
Eileen Golden		4		2								
Julie Anne Helmick												
Lon Helmick	10	7										
Harold Hillis												
Darlene Howell				1								
Deb Hyatt												
Henry Kuntz		1	2	6								
Judy Kuntz				6								
Dave Lehmann		3	2	1								
Jan Letterly												
Jerry Letterly												
James Lowe	1	1	1	2								
Rosie Lowe			2									
Garry Melugin			1									
Tina Melugin			2									
Marlene Mitchell												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell	2											
Jerry Paul												
Dyllan Pittman												
Betty Richburg												
Don Rodarte				8								
Shelly Rodarte												
Andy Roesch												
Gary Shier												
George Shifflet												
Merlene Solis												
Karla Waltz												
James Waltz												
Marry Warner												
Steve Warner												
Jim Waugh			2									
Karla Waltz												

Events Calendar 2018:

May 14th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse (possible May hunts: Baldwin, CO; Riverside school; Tonopah, NV)

June 11th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse (also June veterans pot luck including police and fire personnel)

July 9th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse (possible July outing to gold claim)

August 13th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse (possible August outing to gold claim, also annual summer T-hunt and pot luck)

September 10th -- Club meeting, in house fundraiser auction, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
October 8th -- Club meeting, nomination of 2019 officers, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
November 12th -- Club meeting, 2nd night hunt, election of 2019 officers, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
December 10th -- Club meeting, Christmas party and pot luck, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

Wisdom:

If your coil is high above ground with the tip of the coil higher than the back, this will cost you good finds. Keep the coil level and close to the surface. Let your detector do its job.