

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse, September 9, 2019, 7:00 PM

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

President's Message:

Hello Members,

I hope the trip to the claim was beneficial to those who were interested in learning about basic prospecting skills. There is so much to learn and this was just a start. I hope to teach more techniques in the future. Our September meeting will have a special guest: the Montrose Chief of Police, Blaine Hall, will be there to talk and take questions. I would like to offer our services as a detecting group for evidence recovery and other possible help they may need. I will have some other ideas for members to think about which may increase our metal detecting activity. I also ask that we continue to pray for our members who are going through tough times and need a special healing hand. So, I hope to see everyone at the September 9th meeting, Happy Hunting to all....Don

Secretary's Report:

UTC Secretary's Report

Meeting of August 12, 2019

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

Secretary Sandy Bliss read the Minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting. No changes were made and the minutes were approved as read.

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

Don welcomed guests, Victor Henderson, and Tina and Jeff Waldbauer.

Don thanked members for their tremendous efforts in making last month's picnic and hunts for men and women veterans such a huge success...once again. A special thanks to Garry Melugin who solicited so many donations, and to Judy Kuntz for sorting and wrapping so many prizes, as well as sending thank you notes to those who donated money and gift certificates.

Vince DiPrimo added a special thanks to Don for his leadership and organization of both events to insure that all our expectations for the veterans would be met. It was the teamwork of so many members at each hunt that let our veterans know how truly thankful we are for their service.

Don reported that the BLM Annual Fee will be due September 1st, therefore we need to go to the claim to perform any needed clean up and maintenance in order to avoid a higher fee. Judy Stansbury suggested that we set Saturday and Sunday, August 24th & 25th. Don agreed and said we will meet at the Lions Club House at 9:00 am each day and travel to the claim together to make sure we all find our way. He said there is plenty of parking, picnic tables, a bathroom, and a boat launch. He suggested we bring our own tools and food and eat together. He will demonstrate the use of a sluice box and panning techniques. Eileen Golden asked how far the claim goes in each direction from the parking. Don said approximately 1/2 mile in each direction.

Judy Kuntz suggested we bring insect repellent and Henry said to be on the lookout for mountain lions and bears. Don said to go in pairs if you plan to do some exploring. Don also said you can camp overnight for 14 days at Cattis Flats campground....located a short distance from the claim. Henry has maps available.

He said if you plan to do any metal detecting while at the claim, be sure to list that on your BLM permit application. He reminded everyone to be sure to take your BLM permit any time you go to the claim and suggested we try rock hounding. Always be aware any changes in the river – water level and currents can change quickly.

Henry said markers for the claim are located at each end of the claim, however, they are often illegally removed.

Don showed members a UTC Club T-shirt that he can purchase for \$12 each. Anyone interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Don. He said most light colors are available. Additionally, Don said he can also order the ball caps for anyone interested.

Don showed members what he found in the clubhouse fields following our last hunt...it was quite a lot of coins that were overlooked. Duane explained that he uses a grid when searching....and for those who have sore backs, try a strap to help hold up the detector.

Upcoming Activities

In September – the Montrose Chief of Police, Blaine Hall, will be our featured speaker.

In October - we will have a night hunt

AND take nominations for next year's officers.

In November – we will vote on UTC Officers for 2020.

In December – we will have our annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck

During the meeting, a message was received about Tom Davis. He has two broken ribs, but is in good spirits. A “get well” card will be sent to Tom!

Don asked members to keep looking for places that might allow for a club hunt. The Crystal Mountain possibility continues to be inaccessible, but Don will call the owner for an update.

Dave of Mr. Detector said the Blue Sky Inn is going to be torn down to make way for a Maverick Station. Renfrow Property has the listing, so if we can locate the owner, this might be a possible site to hunt. Don will do some checking.

Following the break, Duane and Vince conducted the Club Raffle.

After the raffle, Henry announced the winners of the Finds Table. Sharon Dodd won the Find of The Month with a beautiful piece of jewelry found “at one of the parks in Delta”!!

A heartfelt **Thank You** to Judy Kuntz who always has the coffee ready for us and to all who brought the delicious treats – always appreciated!

The meeting was adjourned.

Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	TOTA
Lon Helmick	21	0	0	0	0							
Sharon Dodds								130				

Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winner												
NAME	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2019	May. 2019	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Aug. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 20189	TOTAL
Sandy Bliss						2	1	1				
Earl Bryan												
Tony Carney												
Mitch Collum												
Peggy Culver												
Rick Culver	6	1	3	4	3	2	4	3				
Rick D'Ambrosio												
Marilyn DiPrimo												
Vince DiPrimo				3	2	2	6					
Tom Davis				3		3						
Don Dodds								1				
Sharon Dodds							2	5				
John Forrey												
Dennis Freed					2							
Ben Golden				2								
Eileen Golden												
Julie Anne Helmick	2											
Lon Helmick			1		4		2	2				
Harold Hillis												
Darlene Howell			1									
Deb Hyatt							1					
Henry Kuntz		2		1		5		4				
Judy Kuntz		5				10		1				
Sherri Lamb							1					
Dave Lehmann												
Jan Letterly												
Jerry Letterly		9		11	17	9						
James Lowe	1	1		1			1	1				
Rosie Lowe			2									
Garry Melugin				1								
Tina Melugin												
Marlene Mitchell												
Bob O'Donnell				1								
Carole O'Donnell				5		2	4					
Jerry Paul												
Dyllan Pittman												
Betty Richburg												
Andy Roesch							1					
Don Rodarte	6			6		1		4				
Gary Shier												
Merlene Solis												
Judy Stansbery				1								
Mike Stansbery	5	4	5	1	6	5		2				
Karla Waltz												
James Waltz												
Jim Waugh	1											

Find of the Month Winners:

July, 2019		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Lon Helmick	1980-D Roosevelt Dime
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	No Entry	
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Sharon Dodds	Gold Chain and Watch Pendant
D JEWELRY	Henry Kuntz	Ring
E TOYS (ALL)	Don Rodarte	Toy Rifle
F Miscellaneous	Henry Kuntz	Cell Phone
G RELICS	Mike Stansbery	Frankford Arsenal Bullit Casing Oct. 1905
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Rodarte	Shears
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	No Entry	
J DISPLAYS	Sharon Dodds	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Sharon Dodds	Gold Chain and Watch Pendant

Birthdays in September:

Christina Carney
Mitch Collum
Amy Hatton
Troy Lamb
Jim T Lowe

Events Calendar 2019:

August 24-25th – Gold panning and property maintenance outing at club’s mining claim, meet at Lions Park clubhouse 9:00 am on the 24th to caravan to the claim

September 9th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

October 14th -- Club meeting, nomination of Board members, 2nd night hunt, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

November 11th -- Club meeting, election of Board members, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

December 9th -- Club meeting, Christmas party and pot luck, 6:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

Wisdom:

No matter how many coins and relics you have recovered, there is still something out there waiting for you to find.