

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse, February 10, 2020, 7:00 PM

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

## **President's Message:**

Hello Members,

A quick shout out to Jim Lowe... Hope things are getting better for you and hope to see you soon. Well, at this rate spring should be here soon. It's amazing how time flies when we get older, so I hope everyone is doing well and staying in good spirits. At the last meeting we discussed several events for this upcoming year and there will be more updated information at this next meeting. I want to remind everyone that Club dues are being taken by Henry for the year 2020, its \$24 for membership cards. We will be having a mystery Raffle this month. That is a great fundraiser full of big surprises. We may have a guest speaker. I am waiting for confirmation before we know for sure. It will be Roger Rash, County Commissioner, on the Red Flag issue which is information we should all be aware of. Anyone with metal detector issues can bring their detectors in and maybe we can help resolve the problem or questions you may have, since now is a good time to get them ready. So, hope to see everyone on the February, 10<sup>th</sup>. Stay warm, be safe and see you soon.....Don

## **Secretary's Report:**

UTC Minutes

Meeting of January 13, 2020

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

The month of December, 2019, was the club's annual Christmas pot luck and party, so there were no Minutes prepared.

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

Don invited members to join him on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at the local library to brainstorm ideas for locating the Forrest Fenn hidden treasure. Time: 2:00-3:30 pm. Mike Stansbery reminded members that Jim Waugh has added many articles on the UTC website about hunting for Forrest Fenn's treasure. Dave Lehman said one individual he knows ...”has made 8 trips here to hunt for the treasure”.

Regarding the Club's efforts for this year's veterans' hunts, Don said there will be a meeting at the Resource Center on Friday, January 24. Our club will host two hunts for the veterans:

Women on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 till 1:00 pm

Men on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 till 1:00 pm

Fund raising for this event will be by folks at the Resource Center. Don said he's looking for a business that will donate a catered meal. Fees for the use of the Lions Clubhouse on the two days of our events have already be donated.

Tom Davis said all of his books on treasure hunting, as well as books on gems and minerals, are now available for checking out.

Judy Stansbery shared that an interesting store of gems and minerals is the Mother Earth store, located at 321 Main Street, Montrose. She said they have a quartz crystal found in Brazil priced at \$50,000. (Note: I recently spoke with the store manager, Jennifer, who said the crystal recently sold at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show...first day of the show!) The manager said she would be interested in giving a brief presentation at one of our meetings.

May of 2018 was the last time a club hunt was scheduled in the old mining town of Tonopah, Nevada, and it was a big success! Don said he plans to schedule another trip for May of this year. Tonopah has an old dump that covers acres of everything you can imagine, an abandoned airfield that was in use during WWII, and many other interesting areas open for metal detecting. Check out the photos of the 2018 trip on the Club website. Some great memories!

Dave Lehmann was asked about the results of the 9 buried glass jars containing coins and currency that were part of an individual's estate. Dave had been asked by the estate handler to appraise the contents of the jars. He said the pennies in all 9 jars totaled \$4800. He said there were some silver coins, but overall nothing of great value.

Someone asked Dave about the 2020 Silver Eagles. He said they will be issued in March, 2020. (The “Red” book for 2020 will be out in April.)

Don said there will soon be another Mystery Raffle for \$1 per square. And at our next meeting on Monday, February 10, he asked members to bring their metal detectors. He will go over general operation and maintenance of the detectors.

Following a brief break, Henry Kuntz announced the winner of the Finds Table...Dave, who recently returned from a trip to California!

This was followed with the club raffle conducted by Marlene Mitchell (January's VP) and Duane Renfrow.

**Many thanks to all who brought the wonderful refreshments for the evening...And to Judy Kuntz for our coffee!**

**Birthdays in February:**  
*No members' birthdays in February*

**Find of the Month Winners:**

December, 2019		
Category	Winner	Description
<b>A US COINS</b>	Dave Lehmann	1917 Wheat Cent
<b>B FOREIGN COINS &amp; TOKENS</b>	No Entry	
<b>C JEWELRY (SILVER &amp; GOLD)</b>	Dave Lehmann	Ear Ring
<b>D JEWELRY</b>	No Entry	
<b>E TOYS (ALL)</b>	Dave Lehmann	Frisby
<b>F MISCELANEOUS</b>	Dave lehmann	Clay Foot
<b>G RELICS</b>	Dave Lehmann	Not sure what it is
<b>H MODERN METALLIC</b>	Dave Lehmann	Key
<b>I MINERAL SPECIMENS</b>	No Entry	
<b>J DISPLAYS</b>	Dave Lehmann	Display
<b>FIND OF THE MONTH</b>	Dave Lehmann	1917 Wheat Cent

## Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winner

NAME	Dec. 2019	Jan. 2020	Feb. 2020	Mar. 2020	Apr. 2020	May. 2020	Jun. 2020	Jul. 2020	Aug. 2020	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020	TOTAL
Sandy Bliss												
Earl Bryan												
Rick Culver												
Vince DiPrimo												
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds												
John Forrey												
Sharon Dodds												
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden												
Eileen Golden												
Julie Anne Helmick												
Lon Helmick												
Victor Henderson												
Darlene Howell												
Deb Hyatt												
Henry Kuntz												
Judy Kuntz												
Sherrri Lamb												
Dave Lehman		15										
Jerry Letterly												
James Lowe												
Rosie Lowe												
Garry Melugin												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell												
Don Rodarte												
Andy Roesch												
Judy Stansbery												
Mike Stansbery												
Jim Waugh												

## Events Calendar 2020:

- February 10th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- March 9th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- April 13th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- May 11th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- June 8th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- July 13th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- July 25th -- Veterans treasure hunt (Women), 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- August 1st -- Veterans treasure hunt (Men), 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- August 9th -- Annual club picnic and treasure hunt, 3:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- August 10th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- September 14th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- October 12th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- November 9th -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse
- December 14th -- Club meeting, Christmas party and potluck, 6:00 pm, Lions Park Clubhouse

**Wisdom:**

Gold as flakes, grains or nuggets can work its way down through silt, sand, and gravel beds because of its heavy weight and it is one of the rarest metals on earth. Gold is not affected by air or water.