

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse, April 13, 2020, **canceled**

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

President's Message:

Hello Members

As you all know, the April meeting has been canceled. So, I am putting this message out as a "virtual meeting" to keep you informed about the club and hopefully future activities. First a quick prayer:

Heavenly Father, we pray that you watch over our members, their families, and loved ones, that you protect us from the evil situation that has affected our daily lives, and keep us strong and in your heart. In Jesus' name we pray.....Amen

I hope everyone is doing well. It would be nice to hear from you, just to know how things are going. If there is anything you need, even if it's just someone to talk too, let us know. Even though so much of the city is shut down, getting out in the fresh air can do a lot of good. Just remember to keep distant of others and follow the sanitation procedures. I set out 5 coin packets in several parks earlier this year. Three of the packs have been found, so I plan on adding a few more just to keep the hunts going. Right now, Rotary and the Mystery packs are still out there. I hope my emails are being read, as I send out messages often. Hopefully the Tonopah trip will still be something we can look forward to. The trip usually comes towards end of May and I am not sure if accommodations will be available at that time. May 11th is our scheduled meeting and first night hunt. Hopefully, we can get back to normal by then. If not, we will re-schedule for a later date. The Finds table will be open to your finds for April and May, so hang on to your finds and we will hope to see them at our next meeting. I am hoping the stimulus funds reach everyone soon and you all have what you need for now. I've noticed the stores have regulated their supplies and added senior hours to help keep supplies more available. The Welcome Home Montrose Veterans Alliance has canceled its events for the time being and there will be no veterans hunt this year. So, hopefully we can get back to normal soon and I hope to see all of you in the near future. All in favorsay AYE.....Don

Ps. drop me an email, would like to hear from you, and keep an eye out for future emails about important club information.

Secretary's Report:

UTC Secretary Report

Meeting of March 9, 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.

Don welcomed guests, Lillian and Rick Trainor, and our guest speaker, local Colorado Parks & Wildlife District Manager, Matt Ortega.

Secretary Sandy Bliss read the Minutes of the February, 2020, meeting. No changes were noted and the Minutes were approved as read.

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

Members were asked to make sure they have signed the 2020 Release of Liability. Don said he continues to search for properties where we might get permission for a club hunt and encouraged others to do the same. Don still has Club ball caps available for \$10 each.

Don explained he has put together 5 small packets of coins (each will be numbered), which he plans to bury in five well-known local parks by next Sunday (March 15). He will send an email with a list of the parks and hints for locating each packet. Anyone finding one of the packets, please let Don know as soon as possible.

Don said he has joined the Rock Hound Club in Delta and will be going on a trip with the club to De Beque to hunt for fossils. He's invited the Club's president to come and speak at one of our meetings.

Henry Kuntz now has the 2020 BLM forms needed by each member before visiting the Club's claim. Each member must have a permit and each permit must be signed by BLM. Check with Henry, if you have any questions. Don reported that BLM is currently experiencing many changes in personnel, including new enforcement officers. He hopes to find a BLM speaker soon to explain all changes.

Tom Davis said for those interested in minerals he has books available for members to check out.

Update on Deb Hyatt's stolen snow mobile and trailer: Still not found.

Don said in May he's planning to head to Tonopah, Nevada, once again (an old silver mining town approximately 200 miles northwest of Las Vegas).

Henry and Judy Kuntz are heading to Tonopah on May 18th, and encouraged anyone planning to go to make their motel reservations as soon as possible.

Following a brief break, Don introduced our guest speaker, Matt Ortega, who is our Colorado Parks & Wildlife District Manager.

Matt explained that current regulations now prohibit antler hunting from March till May. This regulation includes searching for antlers, prohibits chasing animals, picking up antlers or skulls. If such items are found, leave them until May when it becomes legal to take them. He said the period from March to May is the hardest on wildlife. It's when they see the most winter kill. He said permits to pick up antlers are no longer issued. It's now controlled by specific dates. When asked about fishing licenses, Matt said fishing licenses will be issued at the beginning of April and will be valid through the end of April of the following year – a 13 month license. It must be renewed each year. He added that there is a specific license for disabled veterans, as well as a senior license. He recommended we check out the website for Colorado Parks & Wildlife, <https://cpw.state.co.us/>

The Club raffle was conducted by Duane Renfrow and this month's Vice President, Sharon Dodds.

Following the raffle, a number and a letter were drawn for the Mystery Box Raffle. Don Dodds was the lucky winner! The mystery box contained many great items and a coin valued at \$70.

The meeting was adjourned.

Birthdays in April:

Don Dodds
Darlene Howell
Betty Richburg

Find of the Month Winners:

February, 2020		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Rodarte	1942 Mercury Dime
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Mike Stansbery	Bananas Fun Park Token
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	No Entry	
D JEWELRY	Don Rodarte	Broach
E TOYS (ALL)	Don Rodarte	Shrunken Head Key Chain
F MISCELANEOUS	Jim Waugh	Indian Stone and Artifacts & Cave
G RELICS	Don Rodarte	Pony Horse Shoe
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Rodarte	Counter Weight
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Don Rodarte	Quartz With Pyrite
J DISPLAYS	Don Rodarte	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Don Rodarte	1942 Mercury Dime

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			1									
Vince DiPrimo												
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds			1									
John Forrey												
Sharon Dodds												
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden		3										
Eileen Golden												
Julie Anne Helmick												
Lon Helmick			1									
Victor Henderson												
Darlene Howell												
Deb Hyatt												
Henry Kuntz			2									
Judy Kuntz			2									
Sherri Lamb												
Dave Lehman	15											
Jerry Letterly												
James Lowe												
Rosie Lowe												
Garry Melugin												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell												
Don Rodarte			15									
Andy Roesch												
Judy Stansbery												
Mike Stansbery		1	4									
Jim Waugh			2									

Events Calendar 2020:

April 13th -- Club meeting, **canceled**

May 11th -- Club meeting, 1st night hunt, 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), **canceled**

August 1st -- Veterans treasure hunt (Men), **canceled**

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

Photo Gallery:



Matt Ortega, Colorado Parks & Wildlife officer, speaks to Club regarding antler collecting regulations



Don Dodds is winner of this year's 1st Mystery Box Raffle.

Wisdom:

This best thing to save for a rainy day is still an umbrella.