

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse, 7:00 pm, Monday, July 12, 2021

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

President's Message:

Hello members, It is sure great to have our clubhouse back and have everyone come out for the meetings. It was a pleasure to have the new geologist from the BLM, Vince Beresford. He really enjoyed our club and offered to keep us informed and open to any questions we may have.

Judy went on a vacation to New Mexico and California, she said she had a great time. She's doing really well and getting better every day.

As you all know, Tony Prodzinski passed away and our prayers and thoughts are with Deb and their family.

I want to thank Sandy for refreshments at this meeting and of course all the members help with setting up for the meeting.

In honor of Henry and Tony, we are having a memorial hunt on Sunday, June 27th, starting at 12:00 noon at the clubhouse with lunch, and then a hunt to follow. So, please plan on coming. All you need to bring is your detectors, pinpointers, a chair and an appetite... lots of coins, prizes, and surprises! I hope to see you then.....Don

Secretary's Report:

Monday, June 14, 2021

On Monday, June 14, 2021, President Don Rodarte called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Duane Renfrow, followed with a prayer by Don.

Don welcomed our guest speaker, Vince Beresford, new geologist in our local BLM office, new members, Angie and Bruce Many, and guest Joe Obert (former UTC president).

The UTC Minutes for the May 10, 2021, were read by Secretary Sandy Bliss. There was a correction to the Minutes... the current board raffle prize is a 2017 Proof Silver Eagle. The Minutes were approved following the correction.

Our acting Treasurer, Judy Kuntz, is out of town, therefore no Treasurer's Report was given.

Don asked members to look over the items on the Information Table to verify if your information is correct on the membership list, to make sure you signed the current Release of Liability, and to check out the BLM handouts brought by tonight's guest.

Don said the Club had received a thank you card from the Colorado West Slope National Guard, for our recent donation to help with their one-year assignment in Africa.

Judy Kuntz had travel plans on the day originally set for our memorial picnic and hunt honoring Henry Kuntz and Tony Prodzinski, so the date was changed to....

Sunday – June 27th – On the North Field

12:00-1:00 pm - Picnic

1:00 pm till? - Hunt

Don reminded everyone that this is **not a pot luck!** He and his sons plan to barbecue hot dogs and turkey dogs. He will bring buns, condiments, sauerkraut, beans, chips and drinks. Paper plates, plastic dinnerware and napkins will be provided. The clubhouse will not be available to us on this day.

Don Dodds declined the position of club Vice President. After a nomination of Mike Stansbery for Vice President, and his acceptance, members gave a resounding, “Yes”, vote of approval. Congratulations, Mike!

Don introduced our guest speaker, Vince Beresford, BLM geologist assigned to the Uncompahgre Field Office. He said his first assignment with BLM was at the Lake Havasu Office five and one half years ago. He brought BLM handouts on rock hounding, purchasing and filing claims, and casual use permits.

Deb Hyatt asked about laws on metal detecting in National Forests. Vince explained that BLM and the National Forest Service each have specific restrictions. He recommended she contact the National Forest Service to obtain information on metal detecting in National Forests.

Bruce Many asked about the status of BLM's current MLR System (Multiple Linear Regression System). Vince explained that this BLM website has been updated and is much different from the year 2000 website. He said there are sections on mining claims, assessment fees, amending

claims, etc. He said the website will show current claims all across the country.

Carole O'Donnell had pictures of the club's claim that showed large holes in the sides of the river. Don explained to Vince that the club is reporting this to BLM with the understanding that no club member was involved. Vince and Don said no digging within two feet of vegetation is ever allowed on a claim. Vince stated that the shortage of law enforcement personnel (there is only one for our area) makes it difficult to enforce laws. Don reminded members to never confront someone who is trespassing. Just take a picture of their license plate. Vince said he is in the field two days a week, and although he can talk with someone who is trespassing on a claim, he cannot write a ticket.

Angie Many asked if there would be any good place on the claim to put a game camera. Vince said the results would probably not be what we want...especially, "...if they shoot at the camera".

Vince said there are public use permits for Pinyon and Norwood. BLM has brown markers in these areas. He also said the river is currently quite high and very muddy. Rattlesnake Gulch was discussed, but there is no mining of any kind allowed in this area now.

Brief break for voting on Finds of The Month.

After the break, Don reminded members about keeping dues current. He said he is rewriting the club Bylaws to address a situation when someone joins the club one month to take advantage of a hunt and then cancels their membership soon after and asks for a refund of their membership fee.

Don said Jim Waugh says, "Hello", from Brookings, Oregon. He said Jim also sent photos of a beautiful moonlit Pacific Ocean! (We miss you, Jim!)

The house near Delta: Don said there is yellow tape around the house now, so he believes they are getting ready to tear everything down. He will keep us posted.

Don was hoping members could make a trip to the Transfer Road in July to look for arrowheads, but Deb Hyatt said unless we could get there "early" 7:30 am preferably the area would be far too hot for any of us to hike around. Instead of this location, Don said he may try to get a date set soon to hunt on his property. Another possibility for a hunt in July is Tito's property in Cimarron. There is a stage coach route, an old school house and a creek running through the property.

The club raffle was conducted by Duane and Don.

Mike announced winners of the Finds Table. Vince DiPrimo won Find of the Month with a

beautiful woman's ring. Congratulations, Vince!

Dates to Remember: **Sunday, June 27th at Noon**
 Club Memorial Picnic and Hunt
Monday, July 12 at 7:00 pm
 UTC Meeting

Find of the Month Winners:

JUNE 2021 category and FOM winners		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Rodarte	1919 Wheat Cent
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Don Rodarte	One Peso
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Vince DiPrimo	Sterling Silver "I Promise You" Ring
D JEWELRY	Judy Stansbery	Friendship Pendant
E TOYS (ALL)	Don Rodarte	Cast Iron Toy Tractor Body
F MISCELANEOUS	Don Rodarte	Whatzit?
G RELICS	Don Rodarte	Animal Syringe
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Rodarte	Wire Cutters
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Don Rodarte	Calcite Crystals
J DISPLAYS	Don Rodarte	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Vince DiPrimo	Sterling Silver "I Promise You" Ring

Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winner												
NAME	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	May. 2021	Jun. 2021	Jul. 2021	Aug. 2021	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	TOTAL
Sandy Bliss						1						
Earl Bryan												
Rick Culver				1								
Vince DiPrimo						4						
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds												
Sharon Dodds												
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden				1								
Eileen Golden												
Julie Anne Helmick												
Lon Helmick												
Darlene Howell												
Deb Hyatt						1						
Sierra Kuntz												
Judy Kuntz												
Dave Lehman												
Jerry Letterly												
Garry Melugin												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell				1	1							
Terry Palmer					3							
Tony Prodzinski												
Don Rodarte				19	16	17						
Andy Roesch				1								
Judy Stansbery						3						
Mike Stansbery												
Jim Waugh												

Birthdays in July:

Rick Culver
Rick D'Ambrosio
Duane Gardner
Terry Palmer
Tina Waldbauer
Jim Waltz

Events Calendar 2021:

June 27th – Henry Kuntz and Tony Prodzinski Memorial Hunt, 12:00pm, Lions Park

July 12th -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

August 9th -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions clubhouse

September 13th -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

October 11th -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

November 8th -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

December 13th -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

Wisdom:

In every period of the past, something was always lost and left behind to tell its story when found.