

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

**Club Meeting:** Lions Park Clubhouse, 7:00 pm, Monday, August 9, 2021

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

## **President's Message:**

Hello members,

I was very pleased to have such a great turnout for the memorial hunt. You all made it a huge success. It was such a great feeling to honor Henry and Tony with such a fun and rewarding event. The July meeting was another good turnout, and our meetings are beginning to get back to normal. For those who attended, there was a new treasure hunt given out to those who wish to give it a try. I hope many of you will get out and give it a try. I have been updating many of the club claim forms and will have all of the required paperwork submitted to the BLM in Denver by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. The trip to the claim was a total wash out. I'm glad I canceled the trip. I did make it out just to see the conditions and the rain had the river quite high and muddy, so we will try again soon. I want to thank Mike Stansbery for his work on the Finds table, and all the finds showing up. Great Job everyone.

Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual picnic and hunt starting at 3 pm. This is a POTLUCK, so please bring your favorite dish. The clubhouse will be open at 2 pm, so we can setup and stage food. Bring your detectors, pinpointers and outdoor chairs. There are plenty of coins and prizes to be found.

Can't wait to see you there, so mark your calendars and come enjoy the event. Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> will be a regular meeting night and hopefully we can give away the Silver Eagle on the raffle board..... Stay safe and thoughts and prayers to all who are in need.....Don

## **Secretary's Report:**

UTC Minutes

Meeting of July 12, 2021

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 Secretary's Report for the June 14, 2021 meeting. No corrections were noted and the report was unanimously approved as read.

Acting Treasurer Judy Kuntz read the Treasurer's Report. Don said thanks to members supporting our club raffles, we are in good shape for our annual hunt coming up in August.

Don asked members to sign the attendance roster as well as making sure they have signed the Release of Liability form – both located on the front table. He also reminded anyone who has not yet paid this year's club dues to please do so as soon as possible.

**The Club's Annual Picnic and Hunt** will be held on **Sunday, August 8**, starting at **3:00 pm**. This will be a **Pot Luck**, so bring your favorite dishes and drinks...your detectors, pin pointers and chairs. All paper goods and utensils will be provided. Anyone wanting to help hide coins or set up tables, please arrive around 2 or 2:30 pm. This year, we will hunt only in the north and west fields.

Status of the house near Delta with the asbestos problem...there is still yellow tape around the house. Don asked anyone interested in hunting on his property to let him know. He said there is a lot of broken glass, but he has also found some interesting items.

Don has created another treasure hunt for us with handouts containing clues for those interested in participating. He said we will be searching for a token and when the token is found and returned to him, the finder will receive a **very** nice prize! Don said his detector reads a strong 25 cent signal when on the token, and a strong 50 cent signal on 2 tokens together.

There are still raffle squares available for the 2017 Proof Silver Eagle. Only \$2 per square.

Deb Hyatt gave an update on the rules for metal detecting and rock hounding in National Forests. She said her son, who works for the agency, explained it as follows: the states each have district offices and their rules are determined by the person in charge of each district. Therefore, be sure to check with the district office of the Nat'l Forrest you plan to be hunting in, so that you're aware of their specific rules.

The topic of when the season for collecting antlers in our area begins. Some said it begins in May.

Don said he has had conversations with Nick Gray, owner of the store at the turn off to the Black Canyon, regarding the town of Luhan. He said there was an old quarry with mineral deposits in that area. Anyone interested in taking a trip to this area, let Don know.

Don is also waiting to hear from Tito who runs the Pleasant Valley Campground in Cimarron. Tito is currently busy with summer visitors, but when business slows down, he

hopes to have a test run on his 25 acres, which includes areas that were once an Indian camp, a Buffalo Soldiers camp, and an old school. If these areas turn up some good finds, he will invite the club out for a hunt.

Don said we need to wait for the cooler weather of September/October before taking a trip to the Transfer Road area to hunt for arrow heads.

**Trip to the Club Claim** has been set for **Sunday – July 25<sup>th</sup> around Noon**. Bring a lunch, look for any damages and repair them if possible, do some rock hounding or panning, etc.

Following a brief break, Deb Hyatt and Duane Renfrow conducted the club raffle.

Vice President Mike Stansbery announced Finds of The Month winners. **Don Rodarte won Find of The Month** with his mineral specimen of chert. Mike announced that he will be presenting each Find of The Month winner with a silver quarter. (Mike said he will provide the quarters at no cost to the club.) A very big Thank you, Mike!

The meeting was adjourned.

Dates to remember:    **Sunday – July 25 at Noon,**                      Trip to the Claim  
    **Sunday – August 8 at 3:00 pm,**                      Annual Picnic and Hunt  
    **Monday – August 9 at 7:00 pm,**                      Club meeting

**Find of the Month Winners:**

<b>JULY 2021 Category and FOM winners</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>A US COINS</b>	<b>Don Rodarte</b>	<b>1899 V Nickel</b>
<b>B FOREIGN COINS &amp; TOKENS</b>	<b>Mike Stansbery</b>	<b>Brown's Amusement Game Token</b>
<b>C JEWELRY (SILVER &amp; GOLD)</b>	<b>Mike Stansbery</b>	<b>Sterling Silver Saint Christopher Medal</b>
<b>D JEWELRY</b>	<b>Joe Obert</b>	<b>Tungston Carbide Cross</b>
<b>E TOYS (ALL)</b>	<b>Don Rodarte</b>	<b>King Kong</b>
<b>F MISCELANEOUS</b>	<b>Sandy Bliss</b>	<b>Leather Trim</b>
<b>G RELICS</b>	<b>Joe Obert</b>	<b>Junior Pilot Airline Wings</b>
<b>H MODERN METALLIC</b>	<b>Judy Stansbery</b>	<b>Air Hose Valve</b>
<b>I MINERAL SPECIMENS</b>	<b>Don Rodarte</b>	<b>Chert</b>
<b>J DISPLAYS</b>	<b>Don Rodarte</b>	<b>Display</b>
<b>FIND OF THE MONTH</b>	<b>Don Rodarte</b>	<b>Chert</b>

## 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	2					3
Earl Bryan												
Rick Culver				1								1
Vince DiPrimo						4						4
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds												
Sharon Dodds												
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden				1								1
Eileen Golden												
Julie Anne Helmick												
Lon Helmick												
Darlene Howell												
Deb Hyatt						1	1					2
Sierra Kuntz												
Judy Kuntz												
Dave Lehman												
Jerry Letterly												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell				1	1							2
Joe Obert							6					6
Terry Palmer					3							3
Tony Prodzinski												
Don Rodarte				19	16	17	11					63
Andy Roesch				1								1
Judy Stansbery						3	3					6
Mike Stansbery							4					4
Jim Waugh												

## Birthdays in August:

Cindy Bissantz
Karen Bryan
James D Cook
Donna Gardner
Ben Golden
Bob O'Donnell

## **Events Calendar 2021:**

August 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual picnic and hunt, 3:00 pm, Lions Clubhouse

August 9<sup>th</sup> -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions clubhouse

September 13<sup>th</sup> -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

October 11<sup>th</sup> -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

November 8<sup>th</sup> -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

December 13<sup>th</sup> -- Club meeting, 7:00pm, Lions Clubhouse

## **Wisdom:**

Traveling this summer? Southwest of Little Rock, Arkansas, is the “Crater of Diamonds State Park.” This is the only diamond mine in the USA where you can prospect and keep your finds. Diamonds are so common here, they are often found just lying on the ground. (A UTC member has been there.)