

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse, 7:00 pm, Monday, September 13, 2021

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

President's Message:

Hello Members,

I have been working very hard on club paperwork for our claim. It's been a mind-boggling experience using the new MLRS, "Mineral & Land Records System", from the BLM. It's a whole new process and I'm learning it slowly. I have finally finished all the amendments, waiver filing, trips to Telluride courthouse, notary stamps, quitclaim deeds, trips to the claim and boundary locations. I believe were all set till next year....fingers crossed.

I have also been out scouting for hunt locations and have had limited success, which I will be discussing at our next meeting. I am hoping that all this searching will get the club motivated to get out. Our last outing had only 2 people show up, that's not a very good turnout. So, we need your support. The attendance has not been very good, as was seen at our picnic and last 2 meetings. Please don't let us down. Many of us are working so hard to get past this COVID situation and offer you a chance to get out and have some fun. Mike has put out a very challenging hunt for us. I would like to see more members get involved in solving the clues and finding the treasure key he has hidden. So, our next meeting is September 13th and I plan on having 2 locations approved for metal detecting. **PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING TO FIND OUT WHERE AND WHEN THESE HUNTS WILL TAKE PLACE!**

Again, we need you support for the club to be successful. I also want to thank those of you who came to the picnic and brought wonderful pot luck dishes. It turned out to be great hunt with lots of prizes and coins...Thank You All.....Don

[Editor's Note: I, too, have had experience with the MLRS program that Don mentions. It is the most unpleasant, cantankerous piece of software I have ever had the misfortune of using. -Jim]

Secretary's Report:

UTC Minutes

Meeting of August 9, 2021

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

The Minutes of July 12, 2021, meeting were read and unanimously approved with no corrections.

With the absence of acting Treasurer, Judy Kuntz, there was no Treasurer's Report.

Don welcomed guest, Patricia Newbert of Montrose.

Don asked that you highlight your name with the green marker when you sign in if you have a signed BLM permit to visit the claim,

Don reported that the club's annual picnic and hunt on August 8 was attended by fewer members than in previous years. He thanked all those who did attend for making it such a big success. Many coins were hidden in two fields and many coins were found. However, Don said many coins remained in the fields which he and others later found. He gave tips on several techniques that could help members with more success:

Walk slowly as you scan

Keep your detector just above the grassy area you're searching

Avoid swinging out too far on each side.

Save energy by swinging with your body not just your arm. Switch arms.

When you get tired – take a break.

During the awarding of prizes, Don also announced that his latest “hunt for treasure” had been found at La Raza Park by Carole O'Donnell. He awarded her with a beautiful 2007 Silver Eagle. Congratulations, Carole !!

Don read a letter from member Jim Waugh in Brookings, Oregon. (See attached.) In his letter, Jim shared some of the challenges of living in Brookings compared to life in Montrose. Jim's email address is: jbwaugh@bresnan.net for those who would like to send him a note.

Don said Montrose has a new Parks & Recreation manager and he is inviting her to speak at a future club meeting. He said we maintained a great relationship with the previous manager because of our club's metal detecting code of ethics and we hope to continue this relationship.

Don suggested we plan a club trip to the Luhan Power Plant area. After discussion the

following plans were made:

Date: Saturday – August 21

Time: 8:00 am

Place: Meet at the parking lot just across from the store that leads up to the Black Canyon (off Hiway 50)

Following a break to vote on the Finds Table, Duane and Don conducted the club raffle.

Following the club raffle, Vice President Mike Stansbery announced winners of the Finds Table. Winner of the Find of the Month was Sandy Bliss with her 10K gold class ring found at La Raza Park (while searching for Don's treasure!). Mike also presented Sandy with a silver quarter. Mike said Dave of Mr. Detector is providing the quarters to him at a special price. (Many thanks to Mike and Dave for their generous hearts.)

Mike Stansbery said he has put together a treasure hunt and he had handouts for those wanting to participate. The handout also included the many prizes to be awarded. Good luck!

Following the Finds Table announcements, the winner of the Raffle Board was drawn. The lucky winner of the 2017 Proof Silver Eagle was **Rick Culver**.

Many thanks to everyone who brought snacks and refreshments.

Note: At September's meeting we will have coffee!

Next Meeting: **Monday – September 13th**

The following is Jim Waugh's letter from Brookings, Oregon

Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2021 09:08:20 – 0700

Hi Sandy,

You've asked me to write a short piece regarding what Becky and I miss as a result of moving from Montrose. Here goes...

Generally, we miss the familiarity that comes with living in one town for a length of time: the locations for physicians, dentist, veterinarian, etc. are all on autopilot when driving to get there, and when we arrive, most individuals are on a first name. Not so here, yet. There is a sense of vulnerability which accompanies that lack of familiarity.

More specifically, one thing that Becky and I especially miss is the presence of the San Juan Veterinary Clinic, which was only a 10 minute drive away from our home. The health of our two cats is seriously important to us both. There are just two veterinarians in Brookings, OR

and neither is accepting new patients. After much fretting and searching, we found a vet service in Crescent City, CA, 26 miles away (40 minutes) which accepted us.

We enjoy listening to talk radio and classical music. In Montrose these were delivered by KNZZ and Colorado Public Radio (CPR), resp., both FM broadcasts. Brookings, OR is separated from the population centers in central Oregon by the coastal mountains, and we receive no reliable radio broadcast signal from that inland region. Brookings has a local radio station, KURY, which plays pre-70s, easy listening music. We resorted to listening to streaming broadcasts on the Internet and other “workarounds”.

On another topic, in Montrose Becky knew the location of every food item important to us in the City Market South supermarket. It will take a long time to regain that degree of familiarity within the single grocery store here in Brookings.

And, most importantly, we both miss our established friendships in Montrose. Even though I rarely had much to say, I remember fondly the monthly UTC meetings and, in particular, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Duane and Don. I knew I was in the company of like-minded people possessing the same core values as myself. There is strength in numbers.

Stay safe.

-Jim

p.s. Today, at the town's hardware store a salesman identified me from a distance and called out to me by name, “Hey, Jim!” This marks a fresh milestone on the journey here to familiarity. 😊

Find of the Month Winners:

August 2021 Category and FOM winners		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Carole O'Donnell	1898 Indian Head Cent
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS		
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Sandy Bliss	10K Gold Class Ring
D JEWELRY	Vince DiPrimo	Blue Necklace Pendant
E TOYS (ALL)	Don Rodarte	Pepsi Case
F MISCELANEOUS	Darlene Howell	Mabel's Whorehouse Tag
G RELICS	Carole O'Donnell	Old Cap Gun Part
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Rodarte	Key
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Carole O'Donnell	Volcanic Rock
J DISPLAYS	Don Rodarte	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Sandy Bliss	10K Gold Class 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	2	4				7
Earl Bryan												
Rick Culver				1								1
Vince DiPrimo						4		2				6
Tom Davis												
Don Dodds												
Sharon Dodds												
Dennis Freed												
Ben Golden				1								1
Eileen Golden												
Julie Anne Helmick												
Lon Helmick												
Darlene Howell								3				3
Deb Hyatt						1	1					2
Sierra Kuntz												
Judy Kuntz												
Dave Lehman												
Jerry Letterly												
Bob O'Donnell												
Carole O'Donnell				1	1			8				10
Joe Obert							6					6
Terry Palmer					3							3
Tony Prodzinski												
Don Rodarte				19	16	17	11	8				71
Andy Roesch				1								1
Judy Stansbery						3	3					6
Mike Stansbery							4	1				5
Jim Waugh												

Birthdays in September:

Christina Carney
Troy Lamb
Betsy Paul

Events Calendar 2021:

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 the Silver State of Nevada, in the “Virgin Valley of Nevada” is the only place where fluorescent opal can be collected. At the “Royal Peacock Opal Mine” fees are charged per person, per day to dig or sift through mine dumps or tailings. (Two UTC members were in the area, but at another mine.)