

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse July 13, 2015 7:00 PM

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

From the Desk of Don Rodarte, UTC President:

Hello everyone,

Jul. 7, 2015

It's been a quick turnaround for this next meeting on Monday the 13th, and I'm a little late with my message. Thank you to all who attended the last meeting, our guest Ken Sloan and his sidekick Dave Drew gave a very interesting presentation about the Red Mountain area. I hope we can use this information and maybe take a trip up to this area.

Excellent finds table, that extra time we had and the new locations provided everyone a great chance to get out and bring their finds. Hope you all can keep up the good work and don't be afraid to bring all your finds, you never know you may have a winner.

The Board had a discussion and thought we could do some panning techniques, with real concentrates. Also demonstrate the set-up of a sluice box and discussion of other prospecting equipment. Hope the weather will allow us to give it a try.

Please remember the raffle board still has openings and it's not a bad deal for the Garret Detector. Hope to see you all there, Hope your 4th of July celebration was safe and lots of fun.....Don

Secretary's Report:

Uncompahgre Treasurer Club Minutes, June 22, 2015, by Sandy Bliss, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Don Rodarte, President, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Ken Sloan, Dave Drew, Michael Holden, Aaron Helmick, and Juan Reyes (Gary's son-in-law).

The Minutes of the May 11th meeting were read by Sandy Bliss, Secretary. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Judy, seconded by Marlene, and approved by the members.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Judy Kuntz, Treasurer. A motion to approve the Report was made, and seconded by Garry M., and approved by the members.

Note: Judy reported that John Lee called Dave at Mr. Detective and asked if someone could help find his wife's lost ring. Fortunately, Henry K. took on the task and did find the ring, and John made a \$20 donation to the club! Thank you, John Lee – and Henry!

Don thanked Garry for all his efforts to find locations for club hunts. Don encouraged all members to check out any possible properties they might hear about for a future club hunt.

Don reported that the Ouray Historical Society declined the Club's offer to hunt for antiquities that would be turned over to them. He followed up with more information about the Club, but never received a reply.

Don received a note from the Western Colorado Chapter of Gold Prospectors in Olathe thanking us for our donation to the Wapiyapi children's camp. This is a program that sends 5 children and their siblings to a week-long camp in Estes Park where they participate in many wonderful activities.

On behalf of all members, Don and Garry expressed a big thank-you to Jim Waugh for creating the Club's website.... UncompahgreTreasureClub.com. Members were encouraged to check out the website, which contains great information about the club and photos.

Don thanked Garry for making the Montrose veterans hunt such a tremendous success....his planning, finding volunteers and obtaining donations made it a day to remember for everyone who attended. One veteran found 2 of the 3 gold nuggets. We had two veterans who were blind, and Garry reported that one of them – Lonnie - has the distinction of being the only blind person to ever kayak down the Grand Canyon.

There was also a special presentation made that day to a 96 year-old veteran - Nick Gray – who survived Pearl Harbor. It was a moving experience for those present – and especially for Nick – when he recounted his experiences of that fateful day – and especially the pain of losing many of his friends. It's doubtful that there were any dry eyes in the crowd. Judy reported that she spoke with Nick's daughter later and the daughter told her it was something that Nick really needed at that particular time.

Judy reminded members of the raffle board for the metal detector – only \$2.50 per square.

Rosie asked for someone to cover refreshments for July since she will be out of town....and a big thank you goes to Betty who volunteered to help.

After a brief break for Find of the Month voting, members were treated to a fascinating presentation by retired geologist Ken Sloan of Ridgeway. Ken gave us a brief glimpse into his interesting career working for the BLM and his years of hiking adventures – many with friend Dave Drew – in the mountains of Colorado – and especially in the Red Mountain areas. We were treated to a slide show and tons of information on where to go, what we might possibly find, and tips on what not to do plus so much more. Ken recommended a very special book to members interested in learning more about the Red Mountain areas:

“The Rainbow Route” A History of Red Mountain - by Robert E. Sloan.

He also suggested a hunters' software program you can load on your GPS which will give information on miners' leases, boundaries of private property, and who the owners are. Very helpful information to anyone planning to go on searches.

Ken said the scenery in the Red Mountain areas in mid-July will be spectacular with so many wild flowers in bloom.

A huge “thank you” Ken for this great presentation.

Next UTC meeting – Monday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Find of this Month Winners:

May, 2015		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Dodds	James K Polk \$1.00 coin
B FOREIGN COINS & TOKENS	Garry Melugin	1938 2 Frank French Coin
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Don Dodds	14K White Gold Ring
D JEWELRY	Tom Davis	Dog Bracelet
E NON METALLIC TOYS	Sandy Bliss	Pirate Head
F NON METALLIC RELICS	Judy Kuntz	Marbles
G RELICS	Garry Melugin	Plumb bob
H MODERN METALLIC	Karla Waltz	Old Ice Skate
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Judy Kuntz	Turquoise
J DISPLAYS	Judy Kuntz	Display
FIND OF THE MONTH	Garry Melugin	Plumb bob

Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of month winners												
NAME	Dec-14	Jan-15	15-Feb	15-Mar	15-Apr	May-15	15-Jun	15-Jul	15-Aug	15-Sep	15-Oct	TOTAL
Bliss, Sandy						2						
Bryan, Earl				1	2							
Cook, James						1						
Culver, Rick	3	4	5	4	2							
Davis, Tom		13	12		8	9						
Dodds Sharon			1									
Dodds, Don		1		6	4	6						
Forrey, John		13										
Golden, Ben	4	6	3		1							
Helmick, Lon		1		1		5						
Hillis, Harold						4						
Howell, Darlene						1						
Kuntz, Henry		5	6	4	4	5						
KUNTZ, Judy	5	8	7	9	7	11						
Lamb, Troy	1											
Lehmann, Dave					3							
Lowe, Jim	2		2	1		1						
Melugin, Garry		3		7	5	7						
O'Donnell, Bob				1	1							
O'Donnell, Carole	1			3	2							
Richburg, Betty						1						
Rodarte, Don	4	4			2	2						
Rodarte, Shelly					2							
Scheideman, Sandy	5											
Shier, Gary						2						
Waltz, Karla						4						
Waugh, Jim	1											

Pull Tab Summary:

NAME	NO. OF TABS
Sharon Dodds	150
Ben Golden	34
Lon Helmick	44
Tom Davis	40
Carole O'Donnell	14
Henry Kuntz	26
Judy Kuntz	46

Birthdays in July:

Rick Culver
Rick D'Ambrosio
Ray Forrey
KarL Scheideman
George Shiflet
Jim Waltz

Events Calendar:

July 13th----- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Lions Park clubhouse.

June 22nd----- Club meeting. Note change of date. Guest speaker will be Ken Sloan, a retired geologist.

June 8th----- Treasure hunt at the old cider mill, 11 N. 2nd St., 5:00 pm.

May 14th----- Welcome Home Montrose veterans treasure hunt, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

May 11th----- Club meeting. Night hunt is scheduled, so bring your detectors.

May 6th----- 5:30 pm, Montrose Warrior Resource Center, potluck informational meeting in preparation for May 14th treasure hunt.

April 26th----- Club hunt on property with an old house. Meet 8:00 am at downtown City Market parking lot.

Wisdom:

“When detecting or prospecting, adopt the pace of nature – patience is the secret.”

Photo Gallery:



Ken Sloan’s lecture and slideshow of Champion Basin locale in the Red Mountain mining district



L-to-R: Ken Sloan, geologist, Don Rodarte, UTC President, Dave Drew, friend

Website News:

The UTC website is for everyone to enjoy. If you go on a TH-ing expedition this summer and return with a few trophy photos you would like to share, email them to cochetopa@hotmail.com along with descriptive information. The images will be posted in the website Photo Gallery, so we can all see your successes.