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The Moffat Road

Part 2

In last month's issue of Soundoff, we talked about the Eastern side of the Moffat Road to the Needle's Eye Tunnel (closed by the Forest Service because of the vandalism that made the tunnel unsafe to use). If you want to see the remainder of the Moffat Road, drive to Winter Park in Grand County and pick up a self-guided tour booklet at the Visitor Center. Then take U.S. Hwy. 40 south 1 1/2 miles and turn left onto the Moffat Road (FR 149), the "Over the Hill" route.

From the Western Portal side of the Moffat Tunnel, you can drive The Moffat Road (Colorado FR 149) with your starting mileage set to 00.0 in Winter Park at the junction of Highway 40. At 3.3 miles could be found **Signpost #28** that meant you were at Pacific Siding, a passing track for the town of Arrow. The little Chicago Wagon Road, which connected Arrow with the valley below, crosses the Moffat Road at this point. **Signpost #27** at 3.9 miles is where the town of Arrow (or Arrowhead, as it was originally called) had its first rails laid 76 miles west of Denver in September, 1904. Arrow, at 9,585 feet in elevation, two miles above the Berthoud Pass Wagon Road, became the first incorporated town in Grand County the following December. Over 2,000 construction camp workers received their mail here. The eating house, or "Dining Room," fronted a short side track that also had a coal tippie, engine loop, and stock

yard alongside. In addition to saloons, Arrow had several restaurants, a general store, a livery stable, boardinghouses, gambling and

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Next Club Meeting

2nd Friday, March 14, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

The Glendale Community Center

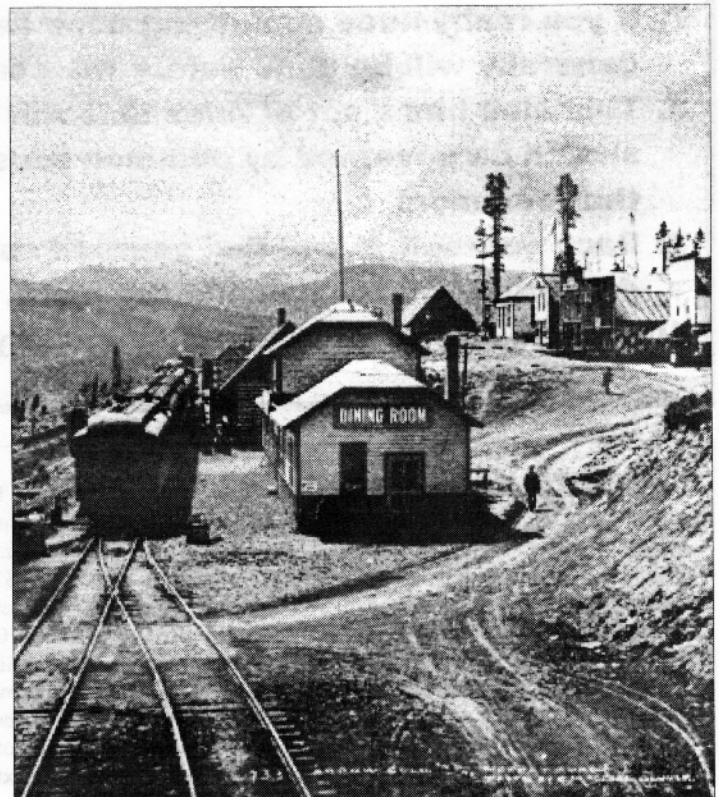
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Arrow, Colorado



The eating house, or "Dining Room," fronted a short side track that also had a coal tippie, engine loop, and stockyard alongside. The Arrow town site now has been re-timbered

February Board Meeting

Past President Cliff McGaughey handed out the following information for everyone's edification.

This is what I know!

- 1. This should be fun, if it isn't make it so! If you can't quit. If you want to be a martyr join a cause, this is just a club.**
- 2. If you find yourself saying "this is a thankless task" just remember you wanted the the position in the first place. If this seems harsh you didn't read or believe item one. Read it again.**
- 3. Don't make this into a job. Jobs pay, this doesn't.**
- 4. Don't expect every idea you propose to be implemented. The Officers and board of Eureka is made up of an eclectic group of people who may only share one common interest, metal detecting. Even those views maybe at odds with yours.**
- 5. Avoid oficialdom and all its trappings. The moment it gets too bureaucratic it can lose its appeal. People have enough bureaucracies to deal with in their lives don't add another layer. Robert had some great rules but I think the Golden rule has more relevance then a 360-page book of rules.**
- 6. If you really want something done do it yourself.**
- 7. If you really need something done ask for help, don't form a committee. It generally will be done before the committee could hold a meeting.**
- 8. This club has a set of rules that will govern most of our activities. The rest should be governed by common sense. Never forget that sense is not all that common.**
- 9. Pace yourself. If you find yourself spending more time doing club work then detecting you are missing the point.**
- 10.No one is irreplaceable, that's how you got here.**

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Secretary's Notes

General Meeting of February 14, 2003

By Matt Williams

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for the month of February was club member **Gary Keim**. Gary traced his humble start in metal detecting back to his wife **Ada Keim** and her interest in the hobby. Ada had originally become interested in metal detecting back in Ohio when, as a child, she would watch an older relative detect. Gary wasn't as easily converted and started quite slowly until one day he and Ada went looking for the mother lode up in the hills. They had noted a quartz outcropping and Gary, having visions of gold dancing through his head, proceeded with Ada up a steep cliff to find their wealth. After not finding any valuables, the downtrodden treasure hunters decided to head back to the car. On the way down Gary, as many other detectorists before him, swung his detector haphazardly down the trail. Getting a hit he proceeded to pull a bullet from the ground. Still no treasure yet, but Gary and Ada pressed on, Gary again striking treasure. This time he pulled out the distinctive shimmer of gold, a beautiful solid gold ring dated Christmas 1910. Gary was hooked. Since then Gary and Ada have found a bounty of treasure, recording more than 17,000 coins the past year along with over 130 rings, eight being gold and around 50 being silver. Gary related how he cleans all of his coins by first pre-soaking them in vinegar/salt, then tumbling them. According to Gary this has reduced his cleaning times from a day to just a few hours. Gary also brought several cases full of interesting finds, from watches, matchbox cars, and medallions, to a myriad of other trinkets. But most impressive was his collection of gold ranging from bullion to U.S. and foreign coins, all purchased with the coins he and Ada have found. In closing, the most important point brought out by Gary was how much fellow club members have helped and encouraged him and Ada. Thanks for passing it on Gary.

MINUTES

Present were thirty-six members and five guests (**Fred Enisz, Darrell Ganskow, Rosalyn Kirkel, Bill Magette, and Louise Smyth**). Bill rejoined after a two- to three-year hiatus to complete his degree. Welcome back Bill!

Buffet was outstanding! Thanks for all who brought the delicious eats.

Rush to the Rockies Info

- Meeting to be held at Gold-n-Detectors (upstairs) on the 12th of March at 7:00 PM
- There are 37 paid entries to date
- **Ron Erickson** briefed us on what to expect at this hunt and provided a brief history of previous Rush to the Rockies
- Members were provided solicitation letters for donations
- Tickets are still available for the \$20 Gold Piece but are running out fast

The February Hunt will be held in Golden (see the flyers) and according to **Jeff Lubbert** will involve a history lesson in

coin, Colorado, and the U.S. So hit them books.

Members have stepped forward to run the March, April, and May hunts. Thanks to all of the volunteers.

President **Jeff Lubbert** introduced the new board members, and yes **John Steele**, inadvertently left off the list in the February *Soundoff* newsletter, is a board member.

The president reiterated a friendly reminder about the drought and avoiding parks, schools, and similar grassy areas.

Cliff McGaughey headed up the last in-town hunt at the library. All members present at the library will have a definite advantage at a planned hunt later this summer.

Eureka! 2003 Officers and Board

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| President..... | Jeff Lubbert |
| Vice President..... | Ron Erickson |
| Secretary..... | Matt Williams |
| Treasurer..... | Nancy Carter |
| Newsletter Editor..... | Dick Oakes |
| Board (2 years)..... | John Brewer |
| Board (2 years)..... | Bill Chapman |
| Board (2 years)..... | Joe Carter |
| Board (1 year)..... | Bryan Macheel |
| Board (1 year)..... | MiMi Pechon |
| Board (1 year)..... | John Steele |
| Board (1 year)..... | Jim Wojciechowski |

Correction!

Somehow, I omitted **John Steele's** name from the Officers and Board list in February. I apologize profusely, John!
--Editor

Current Coordinators and Volunteers

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|--|---------------------------|
| Bylaws Update (Ad-Hoc)..... | Cliff McGaughey |
| Drawings Table..... | Bob Ciencin/Bryan Macheel |
| Finds Table..... | Eldon Smith |
| Historian..... | Dean Adams |
| Hunts..... | Cliff McGaughey |
| Historical Artifact Recovery Team..... | Jeff Lubbert |
| Monthly Speakers..... | Ron Erickson |
| Nametags..... | MiMi Pechon |
| New Member/Guest Orientation..... | Ron Erickson |
| Physical Evidence Recovery Team..... | Joe Carter |
| Publishers..... | MiMi Pechon |
| Refreshments..... | Gary and Ada Keim |
| Website..... | Barna Wesley |

Note: It is **Jeff Lubbert's** wish that no one have more than one major position and he has appointed **Barna Wesley** as Webmaster. --Editor

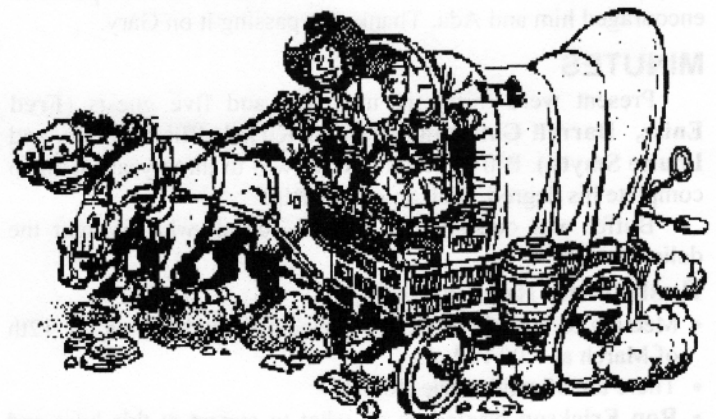
Shucks! It seems **Dean Adam's** camera wasn't set for flash, and because of camera movement only one photo of the Finds of the Year Awards came out clear enough to print. You'll find it under the March Hunt flier.

Upcoming Eureka! Meetings and Events

| Date | Meeting/Event | Details |
|----------------|---|---|
| 9 Mar 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rush to the Rockies Committee Meeting | Place and time yet to be determined. |
| 14 Mar 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club Meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Mar 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>March St. Patrick's Day Hunt</i> , in town | Presented by huntmasters Doug Cohn and Dean Adams |
| 11 Apr 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Apr 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> April monthly in-town hunt | We have a volunteer huntmaster -- call the Hotline for info. |
| 16 Apr 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> GPR 2 nd Annual Flea Market/Swap Meet | Hosted by sister club, the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies |
| 9 May 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| 18 May 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>May BBQ Hunt</i> at Bellevue Park | Ken Oyler is huntmaster; Doug Cohn is Burgermeister. |
| 13 Jun 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| 20-22 Jun 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rush to the Rockies 2003 National Hunt | Pickle Gulch Campground near Black Hawk/Central City, Colo. |
| 11 Jul 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Jul 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> July monthly in-town hunt | Prospective Huntmasters; contact Cliff McGaughey to volunteer. |
| 11 Aug 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Aug 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> August monthly in-town hunt | Prospective Huntmasters; contact Cliff McGaughey to volunteer. |
| 12 Sep 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Sep 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> September monthly in-town hunt | Prospective Huntmasters; contact Cliff McGaughey to volunteer. |
| 10 Oct 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Oct 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> October monthly in-town hunt | Prospective Huntmasters; contact Cliff McGaughey to volunteer. |
| 14 Nov 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka! monthly meeting | Our speaker is yet to be determined -- call the Hotline for info. |
| Nov 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> November monthly in-town hunt | Prospective Huntmasters; contact Cliff McGaughey to volunteer. |

RUSH TO THE ROCKIES, JUNE 20-22, 2003

**Rush to the Rockies
2003**



The Eureka! Club's National Open Hunt

See the club's website (<http://www.geocities.com/Eureka-thc/>) for hunt schedule, entry form, maps, and other information about our National Hunt, or send us a note and we'll mail it to you!

Reserve early! This hunt is limited to 150 entrants!

FEBRUARY 2003 FINDS OF THE MONTH

Winners names and finds bolded

GOLD CATEGORY

- James Griffin..... 10k gold watch
- Jeff Lubbert..... 10k gold pin
- Donovan Greene..... 10k gold ring
- Roy Neys..... 10k gold ring
- Doug Cobb..... 10k gold ring
- Stuart Prichard..... 10k 1944 class ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

- Ron Erickson..... Sterling silver naked lady pendant
- Eldon Smith..... Sterling silver cross/anchor pin
- Jeff Lubbert..... Sterling silver ring
- Roy Neys..... Sterling silver ring w/engraving
- Caroline Brewer..... Dragon Head
- Mat Williams..... Brooch

COIN CATEGORY

- Bill Chapman..... 1841-O seated quarter
- Linda Erickson..... 1895, 1901, 1902 Indian Head pennies
- Linda Erickson..... 2-cent piece
- Jeff Lubbert..... 1897 Barber dime
- Mat Williams..... 1905 2-cent dime
- James Griffin..... 1839 brick token (Chicago mint)
- John Brewer..... 1876 seated Liberty dime

TOKEN CATEGORY

- Linda Erickson..... Western Kentucky Co. brooch
- Ron Erickson..... Cavalry silver cigarette
- Jeff Lubbert..... Nickel
- Mat Williams..... Washington coin
- Dean Adams..... Washington coin
- Roy Neys..... 1912 medal

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

- Mat Williams..... Pocket watch w/chain
- Linda Erickson..... Civil War Union officer's button
- Bill Chapman..... Civil War Southern Ill. uniform button
- Ron Erickson..... Boy Scout pin
- Jeff Lubbert..... 1930's plate
- Mat Williams..... 1917 Denver dog tag
- MiMi Pechon..... 1911 Denver convention button
- MiMi Pechon..... Worked Blue
- Mat Williams..... Arizona military pieces
- Roy Neys..... Toy trolley car
- Doug Cobb..... City Star Hotel key tag
- John Brewer..... Railway baggage tag

GOLD DRAWING

- Jim Griffin..... Budget

CHRISTMAS FUND DRAWING

- Ada Keim..... Silver rimed

GENERAL DRAWINGS

- Carl Johansen..... 1815 large cent
- Brian Mitchell..... 1881 silver dollar
- Dennis Eberhardt..... 1888 vs. gold coin
- Ada Keim..... 1853 silver 3-cent piece
- Linda Erickson..... 1852 silver dollar
- Cliff Chapman..... 1865 three-cent piece
- Mat Williams..... 1887 silver dollar
- Roger Parrella..... 1906 vs. gold coin
- Dennis Eberhardt..... 1877 seated quarter
- Bill Chapman..... 1907 silver dollar

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

- Ron Erickson..... 1972 Proof set

2002 FINDS OF THE YEAR/ANNUAL AWARDS

GOLD CATEGORY (See the photo under the March Hunt flier!)
Cliff McGaughey and MiMi Pechon.... 14k gold ring with 3/4 carat diamond

JEWELRY CATEGORY
Cliff McGaughey 14k and silver hematite ring

COIN CATEGORY
Ada Keim..... 1883 racketeer nickel

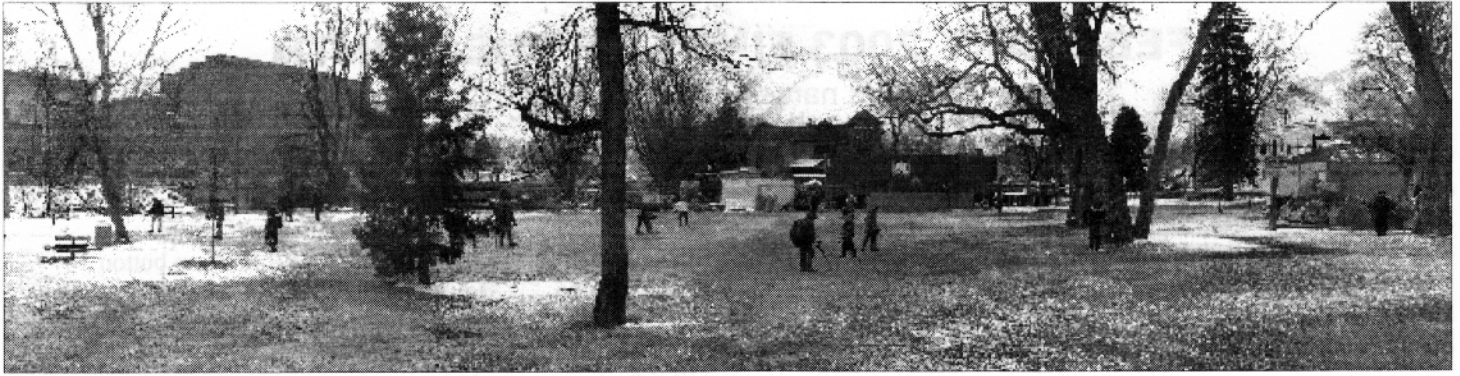
TOKEN CATEGORY
Carl Johansen American liquor token

ARTIFACT CATEGORY
Jeff Lubbert Military officer's epaulet

GENE KOTLAN AWARD
Ron Erickson

CHARLES JOHNSTON AWARD
Gary Mazingo and Linda Martik

DON SPROUSE AWARD
MiMi Pechon



A Penny For Your Thoughts In-Town Hunt

By Chelsea Chapman

"Neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of night..." or in this case, "neither snow nor cold temperatures," shall keep the detectorists of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club from their appointed hunt. It was a brisk 17 degrees that Sunday afternoon. Several inches of snow, newly fallen Saturday evening, still covered part of the hunt field. The area was Parfet Park in the foothills near downtown Golden. The sun, which had been out earlier that morning and had melted some of the crisp ground cover, now chose to hide behind a blanket of gray clouds. The conditions were miserable! Still, 18 entrants ponied up their entry fee to battle the elements and each other for a chance at "gold and glory" in this unusual and exciting treasure hunt.

As the rules were explained by huntmaster **Jeff Lubbert**, this appropriately named hunt was to be a two-part event. The first was the hunt for 100 English pennies planted by Jeff and his capable staff of volunteers, **MiMi Pechon**, **Roy Neys**, and **Jim Wojciechowski**. I, of course, had better sense than to get out in that kind of weather. Therefore, I sent an aspiring pup reporter **Puppy Pechon**, MiMi's four-legged animal companion, to report on this event in my stead. It is from Puppy's excellent ground work that I now breath life into the story--flesh it out, so to speak.

Prior to explaining the rules, each hunter had a chance to check his or her detector with a known token, an English penny. The rules were simple. This was to be a two-part hunt. In the actual hunt, participants were to find as many of these tokens as fast as they could in the allotted 30-minute time limit. Following the hunt, all participants would adjourn to my corporate offices at Gold-N-Detectors for warmth, refreshments, and the second part of the hunt. The second part of the hunt was to be Eureka! Jeopardy/Trivia, an original game of knowledge developed by Jeff all by his lonesome. There, the crowd of stiffened-by-the-cold but brave, stouthearted hunters, would be formed into three teams based on the numbers of tokens each participant had recovered.

Shortly after 1:00 PM, the hunters took the field which was cold, soggy, partially frozen, and snow covered for a shotgun start. And the hunt was on! One hundred tokens and 18 hunters. Braving the frigid temperatures with the hunters were four volunteer hunt personnel and newsletter editor **Dick Oakes** who photographed the event. If the photos seem a bit hazy, it would be from Dick's breath freezing on the camera lens. The clever hunt volunteers had found some diabolical ways to keep the large coppers from being found easily. Some were on edge. Some were near the chain link fence. Still others were proximal to sprinkler head and control valve boxes. Look! There's Nanook of the North recovering a target! Did I see a polar bear? Don't stand too long in one spot, or you might stick to it. Despite the weather, most of the hunters stuck it out to the bitter end. **Bryan Macheel** succeeded in finding two of the elusive tokens in the final minutes of the time limit. Only one hunter, **Terry Weatherly**, got skunked...or did he?

At the expiration of the allotted hunt time, everyone found their way to the cozy office and meeting room space above my retail store on the corner of 8th and Washington. **Ada and Gary Keim** had prepared both coffee and hot chocolate. There was an assortment

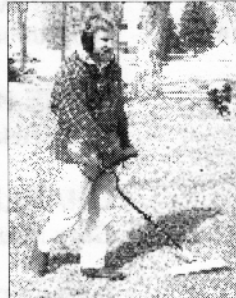
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Jeff Lubbert,
Huntmaster



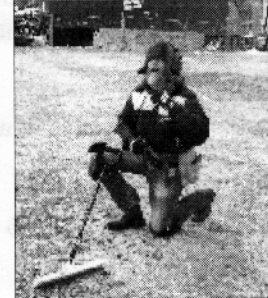
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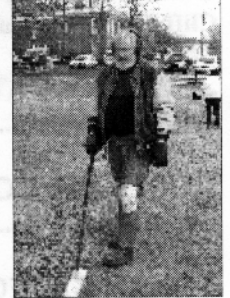
Ron Erickson
Blue Team Leader



Melissa Welch
Green Team Leader



Bryan Macheel
Red Team Leader



Terry Weatherly
Gold Coin Winner



Huntmaster Jeff Lubbert gets 'em ready for his February "Penny For Your Thoughts" Member/Guest In-Town Hunt



Ada and Gary Keim



Joe Carter, Terry Weatherly, and Roy Neys

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of tasty treats furnished by Ada and Gary, Jeff, MiMi, and **Bill Chapman** (I had him host the second portion of the hunt for me). Once everyone found his or her way to my office and took a chair, Jeff and MiMi arranged the teams. The three team captains were the hunters with the most tokens. They were **Bryan Macheel** with nine tokens (it pays to stay to the end), and **Ron Erickson** and **Melissa Welch** each with eight tokens.

Bryan, captain of the "Red Team", had **Mark Mais**, **Roy Neys**, **Mike Rapone** (a visiting friend of Roger's), **Terry Weatherly**, and **Ada Keim** as teammates. Ron, as captain of the "Blue Team," had **Nancy Carter**, **Bill Chapman**, **Barna Wesley**, **Joe Carter**, and **Joyce Keith** aiding him. As captain of the "Green Team," Melissa had **Glen Spencer**, **Gary Keim**, **Roger Petrella**, **Cliff McGaughey**, and **Don Baca**. All three were formidable teams in both hunting and research/knowledge skills.

The rules for the Eureka! Jeopardy/Trivia game were actually pretty easy and were certainly easier than some of the questions. Jeff



Terry Weatherly



Bill Chapman



Mark Mais



Roy Neys



Roger Petrella



Mike Rapone

had a stack of cards with questions in the categories of Coins, Eureka! Club History, Colorado History, General History, and Metal Detectors. From this stack of prepared questions and answers, some with visual clues, a card would be selected by master of ceremonies Jeff, and the category read to the participant. If the participant correctly answered the question by category only, the team was awarded 20 points. If he or she opted for multiple choice answers by category, 10 points were awarded for a correct answer. After missing a 20-point question, he or she was read the multiple choice answers but a correct answer was then only worth five points. Each team had three "team consults" available and one "team challenge." If a question was asked of a team member and that member desired help, the team could be consulted. But this "team consulting" was only allowed three times for each team during the game. At any point during the game, the team captain could issue either of the other two teams a "challenge question." If the challenged team answered it correctly, they received a whopping 40 points. If the answer was incorrect, the challenged team lost 40 points. The challenge questions were to

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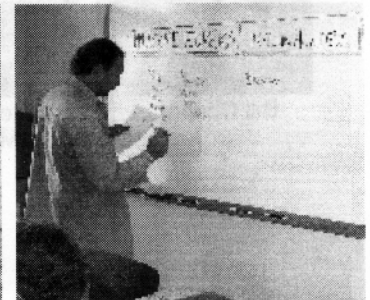
Don Baca



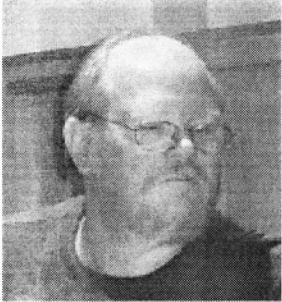
Jeff Lubbert, "Five minutes left!"



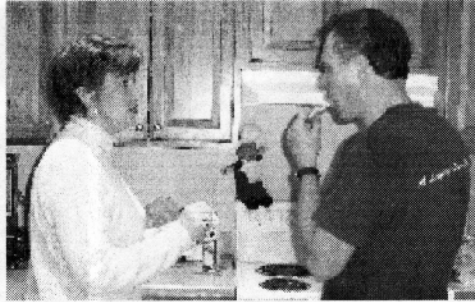
Terry Weatherly, "Already?"



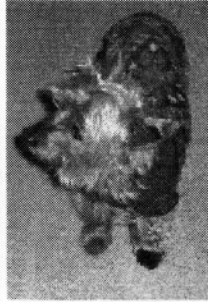
Jeff Lubbert selects the teams



Cliff McGaughey



Mimi Pechon, Jim "Wojo" Wojciechowski



Puppy Pechon



Getting ready to split into trivia teams

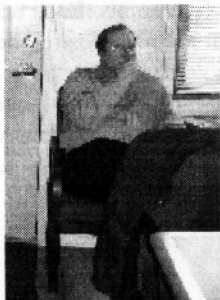
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play a pivotal part in the game. Finally, six specially marked question cards were in the deck. The person who first correctly and singly answered a special question received the gold coin prize. All the silver would be divided by the team members based on team placement. The lovely MiMi, alias Vanna, kept score on the score board for all three teams.

Bryan took the first question, and missed. The questions were asked alternating in turn, to each team captain then to each team member. At the end of Round 1, Ron's Blue Team was in the lead. This lead vanished abruptly by a challenge question issued by one of the other team captains. "In what year did the U.S. Mint establish a facility in Denver?" Not knowing that answer correctly (and I'm not telling the answer), the Blue Team lost 40 points and went from first to last place. "Alas, poor Terry, I knew him when," had been skunked in the token hunt, but received the first "gold coin" question. The seconds ticked by like minutes as he agonized over his answer to a Eureka! Club question. Finally it was forthcoming..."CORRECT!", shouted Jeff, and the Gold Coin was Terry Weatherly's!

By the end of Round 2, the RedTeam and Green Team were out in front of the Bue Team, but in Round 3, things changed dramatically. A missed challenge question from team captain Bryan to Melissa's Green Team put his Red Team in front for most of Rounds 3 and 4. But slowly, rising out of the ashes of others' missed questions like a Phoenix, came Ron's Blue Team. His challenge question to the Red Team at the last minute put all three teams within striking distance of each other. As cold as it had been outside, it was every bit as heated inside the Gold-N-Detectors conference room. A 10-point question, answered correctly by Joyce for the Blue Team on the next to the last question of the game, put her team out in front by 15 points. Now came the final question of the game. This question would decide who won and who lost. Melissa's final Green Team member (who shall remain nameless), now on his own, all team consulting used up, was sweating bullets. With Joyce's correct answer, he was forced to take the 20 point question for his team to win! Now for 20 points and the game in the category of Colorado history, "In what year was Colorado officially made a territory?" Silence permeated the room... the answer slowly materialized like a puddle under a melting icicle... growing... quietly. "That is not correct," announced Jeff, "RON'S BLUE TEAM WINS!" The thrill of victory; the agony of defeat. It was high fives and congratulations all around as all three teams were in the race to the end. It was snowing once again as everyone left, warm in the memory of a fine afternoon of treasure hunting with friends.

This hunt was everything it was advertised to be and then some. Everyone who participated was a winner, gaining hunting insight and research knowledge. Most of all, the event was FUN! After all, that's why we are in this hobby.



Bill Chapman



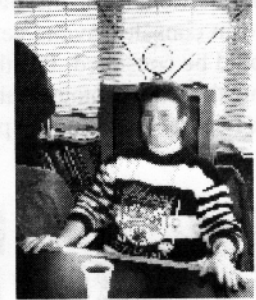
Roger Petrella, Mike Rapone



Glen Spencer

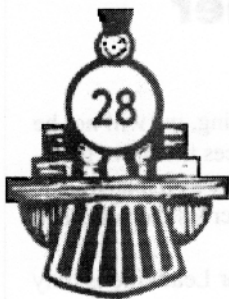


Roy Neys, Don Baca



Barna Wesley

(Moffat Road - Continued from page 1)



sporting houses, and a ten-by-sixteen-foot jail built of two-by-fours. In its heyday, Arrow had two pressure-tank gasoline street lights, the likes of which were usually seen only on the boulevards of large cities. By 1906, Arrow's population was down to sixteen and it became a ghost town when the "Hill" route was abandoned. The Arrow town site now has been re-timbered and the only evidence of the past is a barely visible stone foundation on top of a knoll.

There were two spurs built along the line here. One, the Forest Spur at 3.9 miles, indicated by **Signpost #26**, was a level grade built back into the trees to allow trains to pass. The Sawmill Spur at 4.0 miles, indicated by **Signpost #25**, left the main line to reach a sawmill where some of the dilapidated log buildings may still be seen. The cabins were used as emergency shelters during blizzards.

At 10,200 feet in elevation, the Ranch Creek Wye was located at 7.4 miles and indicated by **Signpost #24**. This short wye was the turn-around point for railroad snowplows on the west side of the mountains. A water tank, insulated with a foot of sawdust, and an operator's office were located here. At the bend in the road are the remains of Railroad Bridge #72.83 (72.83 miles from Denver). A short distance back down the road is a white Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) airways beacon maintenance crew emergency storm shelter (the beacon is located on a peak near Rollins Pass).

Signpost #23 at 9.1 miles was located at the Trestle-Tunnel Bypass Junction. The uphill railroad grade from this point is impassable so a bypass road was built. Here there were two old cabins used by Moffat Road loggers. Just around the lower bend was a "landing deck" built by loggers to aid them when loading logs on flatcars.

At 9.5 miles **Signpost #22** marked the trailhead of a foot trail to the original railroad grade, about a five-minute walk. From the end of the trail, you can see ramps built down to retrieve various wrecked engines (see **Signpost #19**).

The Loop Trestle and Tunnel 33 were indicated by **Signpost #21** at 10.8 miles. A train going through Tunnel 33 had to ascend one and a half miles of track (150 feet in elevation) that looped around a mountain peak before it reached the Loop Trestle. Nearby Trestle Campground is a good place to have a picnic and enjoy the spectacular view of Colorado's high country.

Sunnyside, an area named for its sunny exposure, was where **Signpost #20** was located at 12.0 miles. Water from a small pond was used for engines. Some of the ponding structure may still be seen. Across the road is a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) weather shelter. Beyond a range study plot, constructed from original railroad ties, are old cabins used during railroad construction.

The 12.5 mile **Signpost #19** was where you could stop to see, across the valley on the mountainside, two diagonal timber cuts extending down to the lower track level. This is your Train Wrecks stop. The left ramp was used to retrieve a snowplow.

Engine #210 jumped from the upper level in 1924, landing on the lower level and exploding down the hill, leaving rusted pieces of metal that still remain. The ramp on the right was built in 1922 to retrieve Mallet Engine #208, swept down the mountain with its tender in a snow slide. Coal piles still remain from an area to the right where many coal cars were swept down the hillside.

At 12.9 miles, where **Signpost #18** stood, one could see a long row of telegraph poles that served the Moffat Road. Snow piled so high here that men from stranded trains felt along the wires to shelter.

Higher on the road you came to **Signpost #17** at 13.6 miles. In the basin to the west was Pump House Lake where a steam-generated water pump was located and where the water pump operator and his wife spent the winter, isolated except for the telegraph. The pump supplied the needs of the Corona Station and Hotel further up the line as well as railroad water tanks.

Signpost #16 located the Corona Station and Hotel at an elevation of 11,600 feet at Rollins Pass (originally called Boulder Pass and also known as Corona Pass). Corona, Spanish for "crown," is usually covered with snow from October to June from the westerly winds which sweep across the Continental Divide year round. An extensive snow shed was required to cover the main line, the wye, and the passing track here because of the 20- to 30-foot snow drifts in winter. A railroad eating house, reached by a small snow shed passageway, was built a hundred feet back from the shed to the south. Near the wye and a passing track of the main line was a steam heating plant and a water tank. Other buildings on the site were made from boxcar bodies. To the north was the beautiful Corona Hotel, whose foundation and deeply anchored cable roof supports may still be seen. Most of the structures on the Hill were dismantled for salvage in 1936. Further to the north is King's Lake where yet another aborted tunnel excavation was located.

On the east side of Rollins Pass is the Devil's Slide, 1,000 feet above Boulder Creek, which is traversed by the Twin Trestles, as pointed out by **Signpost #15** at 15.7 miles. The trestles were constructed in 1904. At the west end of the higher trestle a wooden barrel was buried to catch rainwater, used to quench any flame caused by a steam engine spark. Both trestles, built onto the side of the mountain, seemingly clinging to the rock, are now considered unsafe, even for foot traffic.

Most of the information for this article came from "The Moffat Road (Former "Hill" Route): A Self-Guiding Auto Tour" published by the Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests, c. 1963, by Edward T. Bollinger and Forrest Crossen.

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The Prez Sez

by Jeff Lubbert



Winter has finally come around and given us some cold weather and better yet some much needed precipitation. Now is a good time to clean that jar of cruddy clad coins or get out that box of UFO's (Unidentified Found Objects) and try to figure out what the heck they are. This would also be a good time to try to glean a little more information

from the libraries or your favorite research spots. Or even earn a few points by getting to that "honey do" list that has been getting put off because the weather has been just too good to not go hunting.

The last two in-town hunts have been geared toward research and teamwork, hopefully some of that will carry over into your regular hunting routine. Let's get some good sites and have one of the best summers for hunting this club has seen.

We are starting to gear up for Rush To The Rockies 2003, which will be upon us before we know it. There is going to be a RTTR-03 meeting on March 12th at 7:00 PM, the location of the meeting is up in Gold-N-Detectors' national headquarters (up on the 2nd floor in the southeast corner of the building where the shop is). All club members who wish to help with the hunt are encouraged to come to the meeting. We are planning a bigger and better RTTR than last year and will need plenty of help. If you wish to help out but cannot make it to the meeting, please give me or **Ron Erickson** a call, or drop one of us an e-mail and express you are interested in helping.

My final topic for this month, the drawing for the gold coin. The way ticket sales have been going, I would be surprised if we DON'T sell the final ticket for the gold coin this month. If you were waiting for the bitter end, I think we are there. As of the writing of this article, we have 44 tickets left and I will be purchasing a few more as well as selling a few before the next meeting. So, by the time the March meeting rolls around, who knows how many will be left? The coin we are giving away is a 1900 \$20 Liberty and has a market value of \$500-\$600. With the gold prices on the rise, who knows where it will end up at in the next 12 months? Tickets are \$5 a piece with a limit of 150 tickets in this drawing, so your odds of winning are pretty darned good. The \$5 or \$10 you put in could be a wonderful investment, even at today's market value for the coin. I have been the driving force for the \$20 gold coin drawings for the club and have yet to win one myself. This time, I am looking to keep it in my safe! I have a few tickets and I am looking at bettering my odds of winning the darn thing.

Doug's Corner

by Doug Cohn

If we end up with the drought continuing, we will not be able to hunt in our regular locations in places that have grass. Here are some suggestions gleaned from the newspaper. The following lakes have seen lots of activity across the years and may be great places to look.

In the mountains, Turquoise Lake near Leadville is only at 10% full, Twin Lakes downstream a ways, has only 8%. Both of these had many early settlers around them.

Pueblo Reservoir, Jefferson Lake, and Spinney in Park County are used by lots of folks and have a third or less.

Then way out in the south-eastern corner of Colorado is a place called Two Buttes Reservoir. Two Buttes is on the Oklahoma border and was a hideout for lots of the early bad guys in our area.

Then we have the lost wedding ring at Keystone Ski Area. The story says it was lost at the top of South Bowl, wherever that is. The diamond is a 1.25 carat costing \$6,500. It might be worth a look when the snow melts.

There are going to be many more stories of empty lakes including Sterling Reservoir and Jackson Lake east of Greeley. These last two allowed swimming in the old days.

Hope these ideas fire your imagination. --Doug

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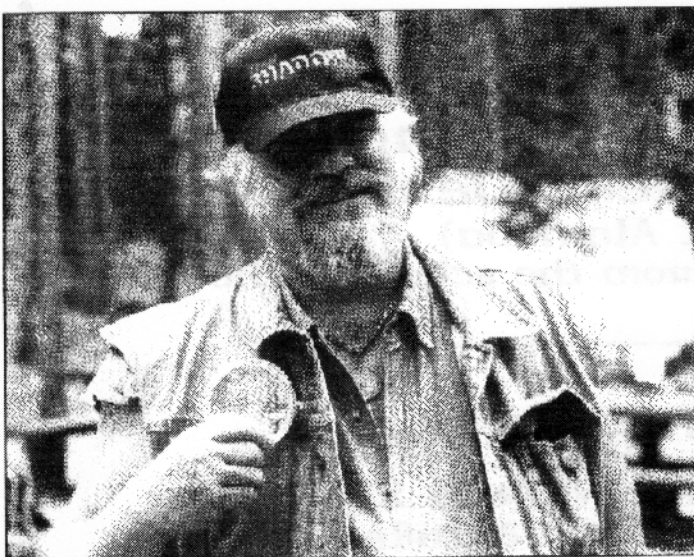
Dean's Doodles

by Dean Adams



The March 2003 issue of *Western and Eastern Treasures* (W&ET) is especially interesting (no it doesn't have one of my stories published). **Ed Fedory** mentions the Rush to the Rockies hunt in his "The Relic Hunter" column along with his handsome picture with the one-pound silver round he found just ahead of me at the hunt. Ed also mentions the

Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club and the Rush to the Rockies in a detector field test report. His statement "It was a journey with few disappointments!" was well received.



Big silver comes in a variety of forms, like this round I found at the Rush to the Rockies hunt last summer, but few experiences will reward and thrill you like digging a piece of large Colonial silver.

With permission and courtesy of Western and Eastern Treasure magazine.

Those of us who are not on the committee don't have an understanding of the preparations now underway for the Rush to the Rockies 2003. You can get a preliminary idea and see for yourself on the club website <http://www.geocities.com/Eureka-thc/> (click the R2R logo) that this hunt will surpass the one in 2002 which was greatly acclaimed as evidenced by many testimonials published in the *Soundoff* newsletter (and which are also found on our website). Look for an even better hunt in June 2003.

Also of interest in the March *W&ET* issue is the article by **H. Glenn Carson** regarding the treasure hunting website <http://www.waybilltoadventure.com/>, which was created and is maintained by Glenn's niece **Leanne Boyd**. On this site Glenn and company have presented many items of interest, not the least of which is his book *A Guide to Treasure in Colorado* available in both hard copy and e-Book. (Did I hear someone suggest we

purchase a copy for the club library?)

On another note, it appears that this was the winter for Eureka!ites and associates to go to Cancun as heard by the testimonials of **Jeff Lubbert**, **Cliff McGaughey**, **MiMi Pechon**, and **John and Charlotte Steele** at the January meeting. **Doug Cohn** and family were planning to go in March but unfortunately plans were aborted because of technical difficulties. Former member **Jon Gerlach** had this to say in a recent email: "I got back from a week in Cancun last night. I found two gold rings and enough pesos to pay for several meals. It was a lot of fun. By happenstance **Mike Stansbery** (former Eureka! member and Editor) was down there too and I seeded his beach with some tokens from **Bill Chapman's** Gold-N-Detectors store. He was surprised to say the least!" (Further information reveals that Bill had something to do with this skullduggery.)

I am happy to see from the February issue that the member participation is outstanding, that we continue to have a great club newsletter, and that **Dick Oakes** will do well.

I was moved by the combination of **Cliff McGaughey's** story on procrastination and **John Brewer's** library book review. Gad, have I been procrastinating. The name **Doris Monahan**, author of the book *The South Platte Trail* that John reviewed, jogged my memory. I thought I had seen that name before. I searched my own library for that name and found a book, *Mountain Memories*, by **Betty Moynihan**. Not the same name but similar enough to wake me up. I had used this book to search sites between Chatfield and Conifer several years ago. I had even called Betty, who lives in a development on Deer Creek. The problem is I had gotten sidetracked before I finished all the possibilities. I remember names like Maxwell House (town site) and Bradford Road that have been procrastinated upon. Thanks Cliff and John.

You may remember last year we had a series on coin and relic cleaning in the *Soundoff*. Now there is a handy write-up on the web at <http://www.luxefaire.com/coin.htm>.

I have mentioned before that contrary to the fact that our club has been actively digging in Denver and vicinity for many years, the quantity and quality of finds have increased significantly. The February meeting was our club's 30th anniversary meeting and would you look at the find-of-the-month entries listed in the Secretary's report. Notice the two-cent and three-cent pieces, seated liberty coins in the coin category, and unlisted trade tokens . . . wow!

One of the more photogenic items was the golden pocket watch and fob found by **Matt Williams**.

Another interesting entry was the display of Anasazi pottery fragments submitted by **Cliff McGaughey** and **MiMi Pechon**. Over the years detectorists who keep alert while hunting have found arrowheads and other non-metallic artifacts.

And speaking of Anasazi, those of you who couldn't make the February potluck meeting or failed to sample the Anasazi beans that **Margaret** and **Bill Chapman** brought, just plain missed a great treat.

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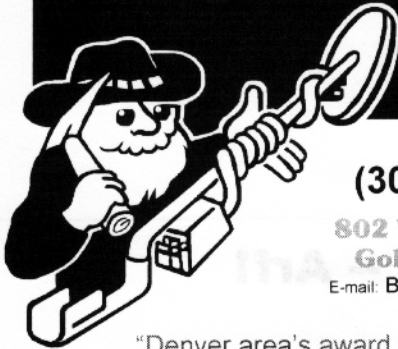
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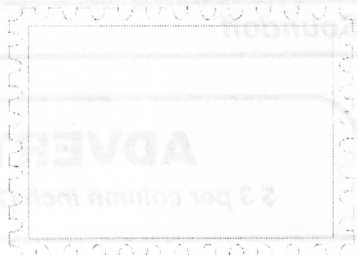
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