



# Soundoff



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## The Prez Sez

By Jeff Lubbert

There have been some inquiries about the monthly hunts lately, so that will be my focus for this month.

We are hoping for two types of hunt this summer, our standard monthly in-town competition hunts and, new this year, monthly "fun hunts."

The monthly fun hunts are to be non-planted/non-competition hunts. The organizer of this type of hunt is to set a date, time, and location for the hunt. These can be mid-week evening hunts, weekend morning hunts, or even the standard 1:00 PM Sunday hunt. These hunts can take place at your favorite park or at a site that you have always wanted to hunt but just haven't gotten to yet.

You will need to make sure that all the necessary permissions are granted, if on private property, prior to announcing the hunt. If you wish to organize one of our standard monthly in-town competition hunts, here are a few easy-to-follow steps.

Step one: Check with our hunt coordinator, currently this is **Nancy Carter**, for open dates that will work for both you and the club members. We typically try to avoid holidays, but that is not set in



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## Next Club Meeting

2nd Friday, May 9, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

The Glendale Community Center

999 S. Clermont Street, Glendale, Colorado

Hotline: (303) 595-5448 <> [www.geocities.com/Eureka-thc/](http://www.geocities.com/Eureka-thc/)

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## America at War

From LostTreasure Online Newsletter

By Janet Warford-Perry

We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our nation's finest treasures--those military personnel who so gallantly have gone to serve the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom. There are not adequate words to express our gratitude for what our troops will relinquish in order to uphold the truths we hold to be self-evident--life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

One of the things we can do to comfort our troops abroad is to assure them that their families are being taken care of at home. This is dedicated to providing not only the treasure hunters, but anyone else who feels like their hands are tied, tips for helping those who are keeping things together on the home front while military personnel are abroad.

Please join us as we spread the word, hang together, and rise to help our neighbors in need.

--Janet Warford-Perry, Managing Editor,

*Lost Treasure Magazine*

## Ways Individuals Can Help Military Families

1. Handyman service, minor home repair.
2. Auto service, minor items fixed or set up with a competent mechanic.
3. Email regularly sent to soldiers (you may have a computer when the family doesn't).
4. Set up an email address book for deployed families/soldiers.
5. Collect news parcels from local newspapers or church bulletins for the family to send to their loved one.
6. Give them gift certificates for movies or a pizza. Or provide a book of hand made gift certificates for babysitting service, laundry, house cleaning or any other service the family might need.
7. Videotape family activities to give soldiers upon their return. Or make a still photo album for the family to enjoy.
8. Take digital pictures for families to send via email.
9. Provide books of stamps for letter writing.
10. Go visit a deployed service member's child in sporting events, church or school activities.

## How Clubs Can Get Involved

Clubs can adopt a family or even an entire military unit and provide many very helpful services to family members such as:

1. Fun celebration to introduce the club to their "Adopted Family."
2. Organized cookout or social event to honor the military personnel and family members.

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stone.

Step two: Come up with an idea for your hunt. This can be as simple as placing your allotted coins in the ground or as elaborate as you wish.

Step three: Put together a flyer containing appropriate information; date, time, location map, directions, cost per hunter, member/guest or members only, and any other information which will build anticipation or may be required for your hunt.

Make sure that the newsletter editor has a copy of the flyer, or at least the information, by the 20th of the month prior to your hunt, which will allow for the information to be put into the upcoming newsletter.

Step four: Be prepared to give a short presentation about your hunt at the meeting prior to your hunt.

Step five: Make arrangements to get with **Joe Carter, Doug Cohn**, or me a day or two before your hunt to get coins from the club's inventory.

Step six: The day of your hunt you should arrive at the hunt site at least two hours prior to the scheduled start to lay out the hunt field and plant coins. Typically, the more elaborate the hunt the earlier you will have to arrive to set up. Our group starts to arrive to set up their detectors and get prepared about one hour prior to the start time of the hunt so you will need to be done planting coins by this adjusted time. For those of you who go to our in-town hunts, unless you are helping set up, please do not show up at the hunt site any earlier than one hour prior to the scheduled hunt unless specifically requested to do so.

When planting coins, make sure that they are no more than 2 inches deep and laying flat--the idea of these hunts is to find the coins. Prior to planting any gold or premium coins, make sure you check the area with your detector to make sure it is free from other signals which may null machines. After the coin is planted, recheck the target with your detector to make sure you get a good signal. When you have the location for the premium coin finalized so that it gives a good signal, measure its location from immovable objects and draw a map of the target's location. We have had hunts when the premium coin was located by movable items or eyeballed between items, the movable item was moved and the coin nearly impossible to find.

Other than these six simple steps that we would like people to follow, how you do your hunt is up to you. If you wish to just put a few coins in the ground, wonderful. If you wish to put on an elaborate hunt, wonderful. If you would like to put on a hunt and would like some ideas or help, ask around at a meeting or hunt and you should be able to come up with a winner of a hunt.

## FILL EVERY HOLE, EVERY TIME!

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3. Invitations to metal detecting events that might relieve their minds of home worries for a few hours.
4. Arrange legal or counseling assistance.
5. Gather gift baskets with items from local merchants and/or club members.
6. Organize a special worship service or candlelight vigil in conjunction with a club meeting or church congregation.
7. Videotape or take pictures of club activities involving the family as a memento.
8. Provide emergency financial assistance either via a fundraising activity or by passing the hat, a special jar, etc.

### Special Consideration

1. Don't overdo it, just do it.
2. In the initial stages, the family may be flooded with phone calls. Be brief and to the point letting them know you will be there for support.
3. Be sensitive if sometimes the person doesn't want to or other times wants to talk incessantly. This requires being a better listener than a talker.
4. Call first before visiting. Respect their need for privacy under stressful circumstances.
5. Ask if they need help with a particular task, don't just go into their home and take over.
6. Humor can be incredibly healing and provide a much needed release.
7. Provide unconditional love that doesn't require a response from your friend.
8. Instead of a blanket offer to help, be specific. "I'd like to cook dinner for you one day next week."
9. Mark your calendar with a weekly reminder to send a card or make a call.
10. Try to focus on the positive and not dwell on the negative. Be someone who is a pleasure to visit.

### Helpful Websites

- Focus on the Family ( <http://www.family.org/> )  
Individual needs of families.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars ( <http://www.vfw.org> )  
Provides an 18-page Adopt-A-Unit guide for clubs.
- Operation Dear Abby ( <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/> )  
A forum to leave online messages to the troops.

*Thanks to Ms. Warford-Perry for her permission allowing us to use this timely information that appeared in the April edition of LostTreasure Online Newsletter ( <http://www.losttreasure.com/> )*

## Tokens and Colorado History

Notes from a presentation at the Eureka! April 2003 meeting by Stuart Pritchard

Transcribed by Dick Oakes

Stuart Pritchard is in the process of revising the Colorado Token Book and is including more than 1,000 previously unlisted Colorado tokens. So that his version is not just a copy of the first book, Stuart has added some trivia facts on towns in Colorado, which he shared with us. To enliven the April 2003 meeting, Stuart decided to award silver dimes from his own collection for correct answers to his trivia questions. Rules included the first person to answer correctly received the dime and answers, to be correct, had to match the information he had, whether or not there was more than one answer.

Stuart has spent the last 19 years in Colorado, living in Boulder. Lots plotted in Boulder in the 1860s went for \$1,000, expensive in those days when it was not a mining town, but rather a mining processing town. The train from Boulder to Sunset through Gold Hill and Ward and over the Switzerland Trail came back loaded with gold ore. However, the train could only go forward to Sunset and backward down the entire length of track because there was no turn-around until, finally, a loop was put in. Only one train ran on the tracks. Post-cards at the time showing several trains in one view were composites.

It is estimated that there is a huge amount of gold ore under the town site of Ward but, of course, the people do not want to have to give up their homes. Nearby, the townfolk of Jamestown fought road-building into their town. When a stop sign was installed, the people tore it down. After this happened several times, the road builders said they'd take the problem to the city council. The road company backed down when they found out the town did not have a town council.

Trying to metal detect in the town of Caribou is difficult. It is built on an iron dyke and ground balancing is near impossible. In 1881, the town's councilmen decided to make Caribou a righteous city and kicked out the ladies of the night. These racy women moved to an open meadow two miles below and east of Caribou and took up residence at the old mining town of Cardinal which had been founded in 1870. It is said that the men of Caribou were very fit from often walking four-mile round trips.

North out of Gold Hill is Licksillet Road that courses its way down to Lefthand Canyon Road through Licksillet Gulch. The name comes from the days when wagons headed north at licksillet speed couldn't stop until they got to the bottom because of the steepness of the grade.

Two cities in Colorado, Caribou and Crested Butte, had two-story outhouses because of the twenty-foot depth of the winter snows. The upper story was offset from the lower, in case you wanted to know.

Alma is Colorado's highest incorporated town, whereas Leadville is the highest incorporated city. A word of warning: Alma's source of income is from its two traffic policemen who wait at either end of the city watching for speeders and radioing ahead to each other to pull over errant drivers.

The only alligator farm in Colorado was in Alamosa (is there one near Springfield?). The highest printing press in Colorado was located in Animas Forks. The first town to supply electricity to all of its inhabi-

tants was Aspen. The first contour farming in Colorado was undertaken in Cheyenne Wells.

One group of residents named their town for Lincoln's vice president, John C. Breckinridge. A few months later, when he expressed his sympathy for the Confederate cause, the residents overwhelmingly changed the first "i" to "e" to show their displeasure and the town has been known as Breckenridge ever since.

Colorado's first territorial capitol was Colorado City. Because of the railroad, however, Denver became the state's capitol.

Bob Ford, "that dirty little coward" who gunned down Jesse James, was shot in the back some say by Ed O'Kelley in Creede, Colorado. After serving as sheriff of Ford County, Kansas, the towns of Creede, Las Animas, and Trinidad were locations in Colorado where Bartholomew (Bat) Masterson was a sheriff (can you document proof of another?). Masterson was instrumental in preventing the extradition of "Doc" Holliday from Colorado to Arizona to stand trial for murder for the death of Frank Stillwell.

Telluride, Colorado, is where the first confirmed bank robbery was committed by Butch Cassidy. The first rodeo in the country was held in Deer Trail, Colorado, when two teams competed to see who could ride the other's best bronc for more than 15 minutes. The first lynching in Colorado Territory took place in Durango but the first legal hanging in the State of Colorado was in Las Animas.

The famous Stanley Hotel in Estes Park was where two major films were lensed. The Shining was one. The other was Dumb and Dumber.

A train loaded with explosives wiped out the town of Fountain, Colorado. A greenhorn in a mine with a new-fangled electric lighter blew the top off of a mine in Bonanza, Colorado.

Alfred (or Alferd) Packer was found guilty of murder in Lake City, Colorado. At his retrial, he was found guilty of manslaughter in Gunnison, Colorado. He was later pardoned by the governor and made a modest living by selling photos of himself--his grave is in Littleton Cemetery.

In 1893, a stamp mill was run by a water wheel built by Charlie Taylor in Idaho Springs, Colorado. It was said of Charlie that he owed his health to his not taking baths and never being kissed by a woman.

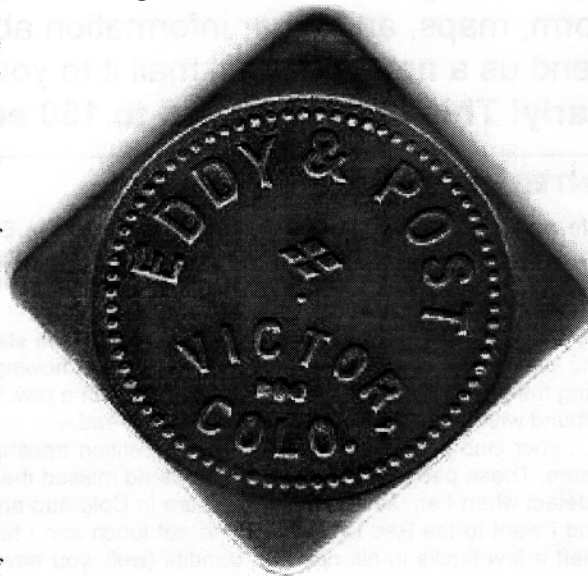
William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey, "The Manassa Mauler," was from, you guessed it, Manassa, Colorado.

A man built a large log cabin with a fireplace made of striped native marlstone and celebrated with a housewarming. When the fireplace was lit, the cabin immediately caught on fire and burned down, proving that you shouldn't build with stone found near Rifle, Colorado. Marlstone is an attractive example of oil shale.

The farther away from a population center, the less law was to be found. Down California Creek from Leadville and farther southwest than Stringtown, was a town that had no law at all--Bucktown.

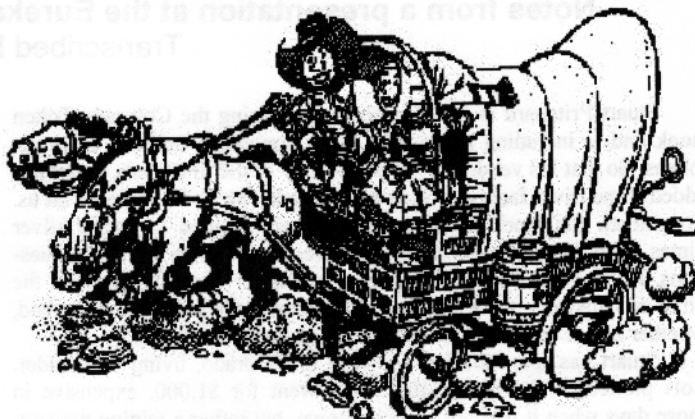
It was 1878 or so when tokens began to be sold in Colorado, usually because of a shortage of money. A salesman would move from one

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## 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!**

### To: EUREKA! TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every member of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club who made my stay in Central City, Colorado, a very enjoyable weekend. I want to thank **Nancy Carter** for her thoughtfulness and **Bill Chapman** for all the work and effort done to make my stay SUPER! I am still using my Super Mug that Bill bought for me at the 7-11 store.

I had a great time visiting with **Amy Maruso, Troy Galloway, Ed Fedory**, and all the staff at Golden Detectors. I felt right at home with everyone there and I got to pick a few brains without him or her ever knowing it (was that a scary adventure?). I guess I am the one to blame for bringing the rain to the hunt site for two afternoons in a row. My wife tells me I am somewhat like the little cartoon character that walks around with the rain cloud following over his head. . . .

Now for the meat and potatoes . . . your club put on one of the best competition treasure hunts I have ever attended and I have attended club hunts for over 25 years. Those people who chose not to attend missed the BIG ONE as far as I am concerned. The hunt site was just like the areas I detect when I am searching for treasure in Colorado and the silver finds were plentiful. The casino tokens were a touch of class and I went to the Red Dolly Casino to eat lunch and I talked to a manager and thanked him for his contributions to the hunt and I left a few bucks in his one arm bandits (well, you have plant seeds before they will grow-right?).

Usually when you attend a competition you get to hear the hunters walking around and grumbling about not much out there to find and this was a doo-doo hunt--well this was not the case with this hunt. Over the whole weekend (both Saturday and Sunday) and did not hear even one person complaining about the hunts--and that is almost unheard of. As most club members know, treasure hunters are grumblers (I did not say gamblers, even though we might be that also) but if there is something they can find to gripe or grumble about, they will. If there were any unhappy customers at this treasure hunt I personally did not hear about it. I want to tell each and every club member who worked so hard to put on a great hunt--you did a JOB WELL DONE! Kudos to every one of you!

I have been talking about the hunt to everyone I visit with and I am thrilled that I was able to be there to see it and participate in it. I want to tell you that the registration packets were above and beyond what anyone could expect. Remember; what you put out comes back 10 times.

Sincerely,

**Daryl J.R. Townley** (*the old dirt digger from North of the Red River*)

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town to the next like beads on a necklace, selling tokens to such businessmen as saloon owners. There are some "beads" in some of the "necklaces," however, from which no tokens are known. Collectors are especially interested in finding a token with provable attribution from one of those towns. Attributing a token to a particular location can be frustratingly difficult. A Climax token, good for one shave and supposedly from Climax, Colorado, cannot be attributed with accuracy, for instance. Stuart believes that token was probably created for the Climax Tobacco Company instead. Stuart has a Bucktown token with good attribution--he found it in Bucktown! As you search with care, may your next token find be the final bead that completes a necklace!

## Upcoming Eureka! Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting/Event	Host - Details (Some not yet confirmed)
4 May	<input type="checkbox"/> Fun Hunt	Ron Erickson
9 May	<input type="checkbox"/> General meeting	Speaker: Mary Ramstetter, author of <i>John Gregory Country</i>
18 May	<input type="checkbox"/> In-town hunt	Barna Wesley & Melissa Welch✓
1 June	<input type="checkbox"/> May 32nd Out-of-town hunt	Cliff McGaughey✓
13 Jun	<input type="checkbox"/> General meeting	Speaker: Greg Storzuk, author of <i>Getting Started</i> (in dowsing)
20-22 Jun	<input type="checkbox"/> Rush to the Rockies 2003 National Hunt	Pickle Gulch Campground, Black Hawk/Central City, Colo.✓
11 Jul	<input type="checkbox"/> General meeting	Speaker TBD
13 Jul	<input type="checkbox"/> In-town hunt	Mark Mais✓ (Mark will be donating his own silver and rings)
24 Jul	<input type="checkbox"/> Naked City Night Hunt	Cliff McGaughey✓
8 Aug	<input type="checkbox"/> General meeting	Speaker: Ken Oyler on "The Yamashita Treasure" (Philippines)
10 Aug	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Hunt	Cliff McGaughey & MiMi Pechon✓
17 Aug	<input type="checkbox"/> Fun Hunt	Bryan Macheel
12 Sep	<input type="checkbox"/> General meeting	Speaker TBD
14 Sep	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Wild West Hunt	Joyce Keith & Don Baca✓
Sep	<input type="checkbox"/> Fun Hunt	Host TBD
10 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting	Speaker TBD
12 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Coinhuna Hunt	Bill Chapman ✓
31 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Halloween Hunt	Bill Chapman, Melissa Welch, Barna Wesley, and Joyce Keith ✓
14 Nov	<input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting	Speaker TBD
16 Nov	<input type="checkbox"/> In-town Hunt	Host TBD
Nov	<input type="checkbox"/> Fun Hunt	Host TBD
12 Dec	<input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting	Speaker TBD
14 Dec	<input type="checkbox"/> In-town Hunt	Host TBD
Dec	<input type="checkbox"/> Fun Hunt	Host TBD

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## Pre-Easter Egg/Coin Hunt

By Matt Williams

Well, what can be said about putting on your first hunt? If I had my way, nothing, because I wouldn't have to be sitting at this computer writing an article at this time. However, for posterity's sake, I will pen some words of wisdom, KISS. In other words Keep It Simple Stupid. There are several points I will make about being a hunt master. Remember, this is my first experience so you experts shush. Also, these need not be accomplished in any specific order.

**First**, come up with a location. Very simply, just look at the map and pick a place close to your house, but you must remember that with the drought parks and schools can be a no-no. Hopefully, you can find a nice spot with some sand or pea gravel, or an area that hasn't been seeded or sodded. Thanks to my co-huntmaster, **John Steele**, we had a place in mind for the hunt. Finally, remember amenities, such as garbage cans, restrooms, adequate parking, ease of access, advertising (including flyers at the meeting), etc.

**The next thought** should be perhaps the theme and what you will need for the hunt. The theme is usually derived from the month in which the hunt is held. But this isn't necessarily true, therefore, use whatever theme you want. John and I both came to the same conclusion on the hunt and decided on an Easter theme, but with slightly different spins to it. As for getting the items for the hunt, that is a simple process: corner **Joe Carter** or **Jeff Lubbert** and ask him for the goodies. You can be very specific or, as with John and me, very vague. The keeper of the coins will put together a nice mix of coins based on specific numbers of participants. After getting the goodies, you are ready for the big day.

**The hunt site setup** is simple. Make sure you bring a table, chair, change, a cash bag (which the Treasurer, **Nancy Carter**, can provide), writing utensil, planting tool, cordon flags, and your detector (just in case). Well enough for my thoughts on the process, let's get to what happened at the hunt.

I arrived on time, as usual (just ask John). Seeing as John had put the registration table on a concrete pad 100 feet from the nearest shade, **Joe Carter** offered me some sun screen, which, being the tough guy that I am, I refused (and regretted for the entire next week). I then proceeded to help with the planting of the coins provided by the club. Thanks go to **Mark Mais**, who gave the club numerous coins and several rings (including a gold ring), and **Bill Chapman** for his store tokens. After the planting, the club members began showing up with a total of 15 people paying to enjoy the hunt. A bounty of silver coins was found with people darting back and forth plucking their treasures from the ground. The first to strike Gold was none other than the "Marble King," **TJ Healy**, just back from his marble adventures in South Texas. Although he hadn't planned on hunting, the lure of the hunt was too much. Borrowing **John Seele's** Shadow, he promptly plucked the gold ring from the ground. The hunt continued with not a peep about the 2 1/2 Peso gold coin.

As time ran down, John, the planter of the gold coin, steered the hunters to the area of the field where he thought the coin might be



# Win!

A 1906-D \$10 GOLD PIECE



Only 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place after the last ticket is sold. Tickets are only \$1 each. The more you buy, the better your odds of winning

Buy your tickets at the meetings. Please, **NEATLY** print your name and your phone number (including the area code) on the back of the ticket stub and place it in the container at the registration table.

1906 was the first year of issue for coins at the Denver Mint. Only 981,000 1906-D ten-dollar gold pieces were minted. That means this coin is rarer than the 1914-D cent by 212,000 pieces. When gold ownership was restricted in 1934, millions of gold coins were melted down so there is no telling how rare this coin really is!

buried. However, John forgot one thing when he planted the coin, and that is that members of the club pick up trash. Unfortunately John had used some trash items to mark the location of the gold. After some tense moments with only a few minutes to spare, **Joe Carter** pulled out the precious coin. Perhaps we could blame **Roy Neys** for this fiasco as he came in with well over 100 pieces of trash and won a copy of a colonial coin--good job Roy!

The final portion of the hunt consisted of turning in specially marked pennies for eggs filed with coins. In conclusion, I came away with several lessons: Plan, plan, plan. You can't plant plastic eggs in the ground very well. Use the shade that is available. Don't use trash to mark your gold. You never know what you will find, as several hunters found native coins and artifacts from the WWII era. Keep it simple, which was much easier than expected, and I wouldn't hesitate to do it again.

Thanks for all who came, **Joe and Nancy Carter** for their help, to **Ken Oyler** for taking pictures, and perhaps the most important part of the hunt, my co-huntmaster **John Steele**.

## Dean's Doodles

by Dean Adams

In the beginning, our club was called "The Eureka! Treasure Club of Colorado," dedicated to the preservation of the hobby with the motto of "Search With Care." The newsletter was titled 'Eureka' Club Bulletin'. The bulletin was a hit or miss operation with only member

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It appears that possible that some done by Eureka will be applicable today. An example shown below taken from the May 1973 bulletin, 30 years ago.



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### TRAGEDY AT EDEN

"About 6 miles, north of the first Pueblo exit, on I-25, sits the town of Eden. No signs attest to the fact, but around the turn of the century as a passenger train crossed Fountain Creek, a surge of water caused the bridge to collapse and many lives were lost to the rushing water. In 1973, all traces of this disaster have been washed away, but who knows what might be buried in the sands in the way of coins and objects the searchers of 70 and 80 years ago deemed unimportant.

I was first told of this tale by one of our most versatile members and did no more than wonder each time I passed thru Eden. I did nothing, that is, until I spotted a book, available in local bookstores, called *Tragedy at Eden*. The book, \$6.95, in addition to being well illustrated, has a map pocket in the back complete with a thorough map of the site.

About halfway between Denver and Eden (*author's note: this is incorrect*), a mile or so west of the Monument exit, off I-25, there sits the town of Palmer Lake. At the time I saw the book *Tragedy at Eden*, I spotted a book called, appropriately, *Palmer Lake*. Later that day I cursed myself, as I sat gazing into Palmer Lake, for not having my metal detector with me, since it's usually in the car, even when heading for the nearest 7-11 store.

It seems that at the turn of the century, Palmer Lake was quite a little resort town. The railroad built a pavilion that was erected on stilts, jutting out slightly into the lake. At a later date, that pavilion was moved onto a hillside and was used for outings, picnics, etc. The town was a regular center of activity, being situated so close to both Colorado Springs and Denver. Today, no trace remains of that pavilion, but a look at the book, with all its photos and maps, should tell the story and locate the sites. The book is bound to be available in the library. (When I drove thru there on May 3 the lake was lined with fishermen . . . as illustrated in the book.)"

Another member input in that same issue shows that hunting luck hasn't changed a whole lot in 30 years, especially for me.

### FLAGLER

"As I'm constantly traveling, I have many opportunities to explore. Some of the best sites that I have come across I've discovered quite by accident. Driving back to Denver from Kansas City a few weeks ago, I found the need to get out of the car and stretch my legs as I was nearing the extreme eastern Colorado town of Flagler. (It's about 125 miles east of Denver on I-70).

As I turned off the highway, I noticed a park! On the sandy side there were swings, seesaws, etc. The rest of the park had a

## Doug's Corner

by Doug Cohn

This month I want to talk about a great potential, though frustrating source of information. This source is called the Sanborn Insurance Maps.

These maps are in the western history section of the Denver Public Library and are also available on line at their web site. From the 1870s through the 1940s, the Sanborn Map Company recorded all new construction for hundreds of cities across the US. In Colorado, about 40 cities are detailed, some every ten years for the whole time. You can pick a city, and then browse the maps to determine everything that was on a particular spot for 70 years.

You might wonder why a person would want to do that? I discovered several schools and churches in places that are now backyards or vacant lots. By knocking on doors and searching out current owners I have been able to detect several of these sites with some THING success.

The second hardest part of using these, is determining how to navigate the maps. Many streets have changed names, though few have changed their location. Some practice is required to master moving about on the maps. The first map for each city is a key telling you which following map has the area you want to explore. You then scroll around to find the spot. You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them. It is a free accessory at [adobe.com](http://adobe.com).

The hardest part is finding the maps. Denver Public Library (DPL) has helped solve this problem by putting the maps on line, but you need a DPL card to access them on line. This is an easy problem to solve also. If you do not live in Denver but have a library card from your area, you can go to any branch of DPL and ask to have your card upgraded to include access to Denver. If you do not have a library card for your city, get one! You will need the numbers on the sticker they place on your card to access the maps.

Go to the address below, click on the E-Branch link and look for Sanborn (it is in the "S" section). You must then type in your DPL card number. Then select a city, a range of dates and have fun. also, The western photo Link on the opening page takes you to thousands of searchable photos. Type in a subject and look at old photos. [ <http://www.denver.lib.co.us/> ]

## Happy May Birthday!

Jim Baca, Larry Boyes, Doug Cohn, Dennis Eberhardt, Ryan Erickson, Ed Griffin, Colleen Gross, Bryan Macheel, Hannah Martik, Valerie Watts.

beautiful lawn with a dirt road cutting right thru it. (The entire park appeared to be about 4 to 5 acres in size.) I didn't even find a single pull-tab or bottle cap in the recreation area. I put the detector back in the car and headed for the restroom, which was locked. I angrily took out the detector and started sweeping an area about 4-feet wide, slowing down near the trees. In 15 minutes I had unearthed 7 pennies (all Lincoln Memorials), 3 nickels (all 1960s), but no collector's items.

*Late newsflash: I am in Keene, New Hampshire, as I write this paragraph, attending the Best of the North East (BONE). George Streeter just announced that the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club newsletter, Dick Oakes editor, has been given the Best National Club Newsletter Award for 2003. Dick receives a plaque and a \$100 bill! --Dean Adams*



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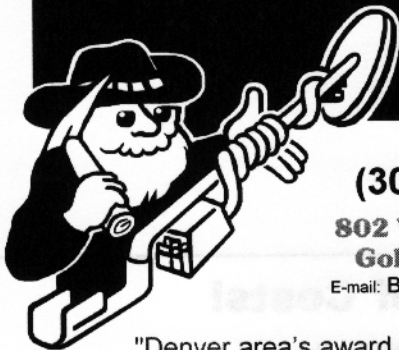
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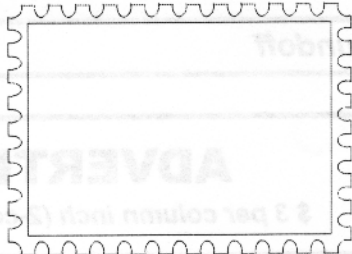
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### Refreshment Donations Fall Short of Costs!

Yep, that's right folks! According to **Ada and Gary Keim**, we're falling short about \$30.00 monthly as the difference between what money is donated to the kitty and the money being paid out for refreshments (they've been paying the difference from their own pockets, by the way). Please do your part to remember to bring your donations to the refreshments kitty.

For the month of May, **Joe and Nancy Carter** plan to host our Refreshments Table. **Gary and Ada Keim** will handle June and July, but we need volunteers for the remainder of the year. Contact **Ron Erickson**, our Vice President, Official Rush to the Rockies Coordinator, New Member and Guest Coordinator, and Official Refreshments Coordinator to volunteer for this vital task.



### According to Bylaws, Member Fees Actually Due in May!



As Editor, I received a frantic-sounding e-mail just before publication of last month's issue of *Soundoff* stating, "I should have given you a head's up. . . . April meeting is the deadline for dues." So, I quickly made space and slapped it in. Not having any Standing Rules, it is the Club's difficult-to-change bylaws that set forth membership fees in various locations, to wit: "The Executive Board shall determine member dues by April of every year. Dues are due by the May meeting. If members do not renew their membership, they shall be excluded from further club activities until their dues are paid. No dues will be refunded. Half-year dues may be paid by any new member joining the club after the October meeting. A new member is defined as a person that has not had a paid membership for one (1) year or more."

Checks, money orders, or other drafts on banking establishments used in lieu of cash should be made out to "Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc." and delivered to the Treasurer at the May meeting or mailed to the Treasurer at Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc., PO Box 101385, Denver, CO 80250-1385.

Although I will no longer be the Editor after this issue, I've paid my dues. Have you? --Dick Oakes