



Soundoff



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Search with Care!

June 2003

The Prez Sez

By Jeff Lubbert

We have the big one coming up this month, Rush to the Rockies 2003. We will need plenty of bodies to pull this thing off. Ron Erickson has been asking for volunteers at the meetings. He has had sign up sheets for areas in which you would like to help. There will be other needs for help as things pop up. For all who volunteered, thank you, and please do not get upset if there is nothing to do right away. One of the biggest things any Eureka! member can do is be an ambassador for the club to the public. Chatting with out-of-towners or those not associated with the club goes along way in how people feel about the hunt.



There is always a last minute need for help in several areas; just keep your ears open and check in with Ron occasionally to see if you can help in away. If he knows you would like to help and you are around, odds are you will be summoned to assist in some fashion. Those of you who just wish to concentrate on hunting, have fun and show the rest of the hunters how a Eureka! hunter operates.

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Next Club Meeting

2nd Friday, June 13, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

The Glendale Community Center

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Legendary Treasure Found?

Santa Ana's Gold Could be Buried in South Texas!

By TJ Healy

As a traveler and a treasure hunter, I feel fortunate to run into people from all walks of life who have tales to tell and some of those tales are of *Legendary Lost Treasure*.

I found this to be the case while I was hunting the beaches of South Padre Island in Texas this past winter. I met another detectorist by the name of Bill who was from a small town in Iowa. Bill and I exchanged stories and I decided to show him the array of metal detectors that I carry around with me in my motor home. These included a White's two-box detector as well as a Minelab GP Extreme. We then made plans to search a property in Iowa where the remnants of an old stage station were located. Having made these plans we parted as friends.

Some two days later, Bill shows up at the beach with such enthusiasm as only a treasure hunter could display. He told me the tale of a treasure that was buried by the defeated Mexican army as it made its way back to Mexico after the battle of Palo Alto. Three wagon loads of gold were buried a few miles south of the battlefield. He had met a Mexican who knew of the location of this unbound treasure.

As Bill proceeded to tell me the story, I reached for a Texas treasure book and found the same story that Bill told, except there was a slight difference in location markers. The book told of three small palm trees marking the spot. Bill's Mexican friend, however, spoke of three small hills marking the location. Bill and the Mexican had figured that with my group of deep seeking detectors, the three of us could locate the gold.

After we met with the Mexican, he drew up an agreement that we all signed. We then proceeded with the search. Just as the Mexican described, in the middle of the three small hills, the White's two-box detector gave a consistent tone in an area of about 25 feet by 35 feet. In the eyes of each of us, one could see distinct dollar signs as we proceeded to dig a 6-foot-deep hole. At this point we were in heavy clay and each additional heavy shovel-full took it's toll on each of us. The two-box continued to ring out as did the GP Extreme at the bottom of the hole. It was then that we decided to continue the search the next day with the help of a backhoe that could be rented in a nearby town.

As we were leaving and the sun was into late afternoon shadows, you could make out the outline of what appeared to be an old road or wagon rut area because of the way the weeds took on a different lean in this type of lighting. As we danced back to the motor home, those dollar signs were still in our eyes.

When we were preparing to depart, another Mexican drove up and asked us what we had been doing on the land. Our Mexican friend told this guy that we were out surveying the land as it

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was for sale. Bill and I looked at each other and, as quickly as we could, departed the area, because we knew the trespassing laws in Texas were severe to say the least. Before leaving, we noted the sign that the land was for sale and wrote down the owner's phone number.

Because we were both scheduled to leave the area soon, we agreed to follow up next winter and get the proper search release from the landowner. In the meantime, we made out an agreement on a receipt slip so we would know in the future how all of our legendary treasure would be divvied up once we had found it!

Would I do it again? With a bit more planning, you bet! As Arnold Schwarzenegger said, "I'll be back!"

HOWDY!

This is TJ Healy, your editor for the month of June (only), as my honey and I will be on our way to South Padre Island in Texas after the Rush to the Rockies Hunt to live on the beach as bums for the rest of our lives! Many thanks to **Dick Oakes** for all of his help to get this issue out!

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TJ Healy is our new temporary newsletter editor. We will need a new permanent editor for our newsletter, as **Dick Oakes** decided to step down and TJ can do it only for **one month**. Please e-mail, call, or talk with me about the position, if you have any interest but are not quite sure of what this job entails. I would like to personally thank TJ for stepping up and taking over this month's issue of *Soundoff*, which is very important for the club.

Well it is looking like the rains are going to be making a regular appearance for a while. This will help out our drought and help with bringing more signals to our ears. Park hunting should be alive and well as long as we adhere to the treasure hunter's code of ethics and assist those who don't know better.

See you at the June meeting and for a little while up at Rush to the Rockies Hunt. I will not be participating in RTTR-03 this year as I have been asked to stand up for a friend at his wedding. I tried to get them to move the date because I was busy that weekend, and for some reason they couldn't follow my logic in the whole matter. Oh well, I will be there to open the hunt and to encourage fellow Eureka!ites in their first hunt. I will be there on Sunday and hopefully hear all kinds of great tales of the hunt.

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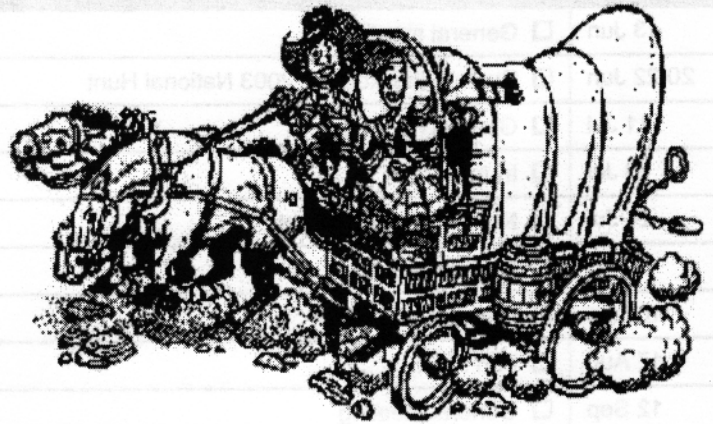
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Chelsea Chapman, Lisa Ford, TJ Healy, Ada Keim, Cliff McGaughey, Bernice Ortiz, Pete O'Biso..

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,
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Reserve early! This hunt is limited to 150 entrants!

Dean's Doodles

by Dean Adams

The Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club received national recognition last month at the Best 'O North East (BONE) National Convention and Hunt. Our *Soundoff* newsletter and Editor **Dick Oakes** were awarded Best Newsletter of 2003. See the accompanying photo of the plaque Dick received.



We had a great out of town "fun" hunt on Sunday, June 1st. It was held at a ghost town sight in Park Valley. The popularity of this type of out of town hunt was demonstrated by the fact that some 35 members attended. This was equal to the record of intown hunt participation. My reaction to this hunt was reflected in the sentiments sent by **Joe Johnston** in a posting on the Club Forum.

I would like to thank **Cliffy** and **MiMi** for sharing this site with us. We all had a great time chasing ghosts and picking at the old site. There were no buildings or foundations to help us on where to hunt, just several acres of lightly scattered cans and other typical items. There were some small depressions with larger stones around them that were likely filled-in outhouses, but that's about the best clue we had.

I saw some buckles, buttons, and bullets along with some railroad items found, including at least one complete coupling link. I personally found three pieces of link and pin couplings, two broken links, and one broken pin. By the size of these and the size of the spikes I was able to surmise the line to be narrow gauge.

Two lucky individuals were able to find one coin each, but I will leave that for them to brag on (well deserved bragging rights at that). I got one soda bottle, a "Lemmonette" (from Denver, Colorado), but don't know of

any other bottle finds.

If you missed this, you missed a good one. Hope to see y'all at the next event of this type.

Thanks again Cliffy & MiMi.

Joe Johnston

Don't take life too seriously, you won't get out alive.



Upcoming Eureka! Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting/Event	Host - Details (Some not yet confirmed)
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

Good enough, isn't.

--Dick Oakes, 2003

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Dead Presidents Picnic Potluck Hunt

By Melissa Welch and Barna Wesley

Matt's article last month on the ordeals of putting on your first hunt pretty much speaks for itself. I will only add that getting the help of a veteran hunt master is invaluable. We spent some time on the phone with **Ron Erickson** and **Cliff McGaughey** who were both excellent resources for us 'newbies'. One struggle we had was in determining how many of each coin to plant. We had a presidents theme, so that narrowed the selection down a bit.

We had two goals for the hunt; 1) we wanted to spend it having lunch with great people and 2) we wanted there to be a lot of targets. Being open to members and guests, we wanted non-competitive hunters to have an opportunity to find coins. So, we opted for a fair amount of silver with a good portion of wheaties.

Some quick stats: We planted about 1,450 coins equally between two gravel playgrounds. A mixture of Eisenhower dollars, silver quarters, silver dimes, and wheaties. There were six cigar containers, four filled with coins and two redeemable for either a 1/10th-ounce gold coin or three silver halves.

With that said, lets get to the nitty-gritty. After a great lunch and some socializing, we split into two groups (each group taking a playground) for the first 15 minutes. During the remaining time, both playgrounds were open to everyone. About five minutes into the hunt, the first cache was found by **Rose Pendell**. Shortly thereafter, another cache

was found by **Ada Keim**. All six caches were found within the first 10 minutes. The other hunters finding caches were **Brian Macheel**, **Roy Neys**, **Ron Erickson**, and **Nancy Carter**.

With 19 people attending, we averaged 17 silver coins and 59 wheaties per person. Okay, so things don't always work out that way. The most coins found in each area were as follows: Eisenhower dollar: No one with more than one; Quarters: **Jeff Lubbert** with six; Dimes: **Terry Weatherly** with 27; and Wheaties: **Ron Erickson** with 104. **John Steele** donated his finds back to the club.

Roy won the 1/10th-ounce gold coin (as well as two cigars) by answering these questions: "Who were the four presidents on the hunt flyer?" and "Which one is not on a coin?" Answer: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt. The president not on a coin is Jefferson. Nancy won the 3 silver halves (giving her cigar to Roy) by answering this question – "Name two of the presidents planted today." Answer: Eisenhower, Washington, Roosevelt and Lincoln.

We want to thank everyone for coming out for our first hunt. Especially Ron and Cliff for all their wisdom and support ... as well as **Joe and Nancy Carter** for their help in setting us up with the coins. We have just as much fun spending time with great people and good food than we do hunting for coins. We hope everyone had as good a time as we did.



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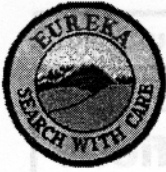
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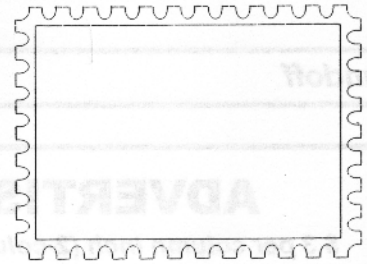
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Thanks to Our Refreshment Volunteers!



Yep, that's right folks! As reported in May, 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** hosted 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.