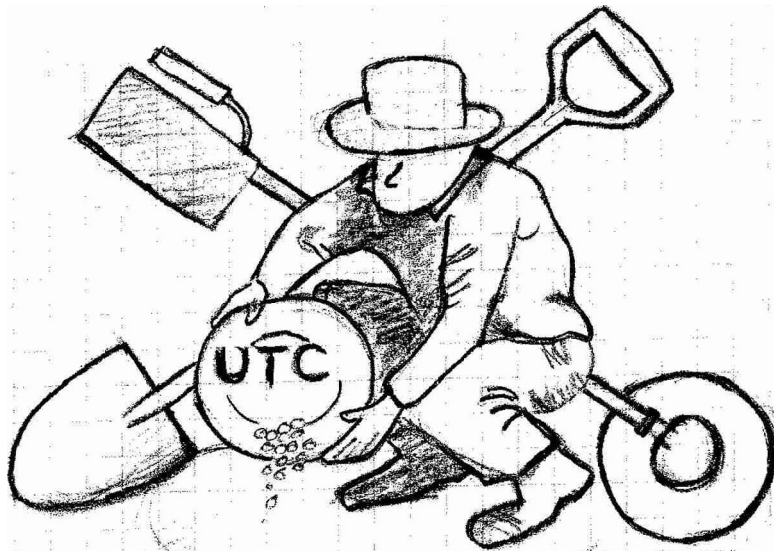


UNCOMPAHGRE TREASURE CLUB



Handbook

A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING WHO WE ARE, AND WHAT THE UTC
HAS TO OFFER OUR MEMBERS

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Welcome to the Uncompahgre Treasure Club. The club meets every second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Park Clubhouse, located at 602 N. Nevada Avenue in Montrose. Yearly membership is \$24.00 which covers the entire family. We are hoping you will find your experience with our club fun and exciting. We offer and encourage all types of Treasure Hunting: Prospecting, Metal Detecting, Bottle Digging and Rockhounding. We offer many events throughout the year including 2 planned night hunts and the annual club picnic and treasure hunt. We have an in-house fund raiser auction, monthly door prizes and raffles and outings to our placer claim.

The club has an active monthly finds table where all items found by members are displayed in several categories and voted upon. Each category has a winner, with the big winner being the find of the month. At the end of the year, each find of the month winner competes for find of the year. Finds tables rules are listed on our website, www.UncompahgreTreasureClub.com The club has a private placer claim situated on the San Miguel River, where we can pan, sluice, dredge and highbank for that lucky pot of gold. Members in good standing who are actively participating in the club are allowed to work this claim as long as all the rules and regulations set forth are followed. Permits required by BLM can be acquired at no cost.

The club volunteers to help several community events such as the Warrior Resource Center's No Barriers Week. The Resource Center has changed the event from a yearly activity to every other year. We will still remain active with events and need volunteers to participate. The Cowboy Christian Church Kids Hunt is held yearly for children involved in Cowboy Camp. We also help local police and sheriff's departments with evidence recovery and stand ready to help with other community events.

Our local area metal detector vendor, Dave Lehman of Mr. Detector, is a big supporter of our club and helps members with all types of information and ideas about metal detection and Prospecting equipment. He has a store located in Delta, 208 Ute St. (old Sears building). Stop in and meet Dave to learn about some of the new technology available in our hobby.

As a member of the UTC, we follow a set of standards set forth by Metal detectorists everywhere called the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics:

1. Always check federal, state, and local laws regarding metal detecting before searching.
2. Respect landowners and always obtain permission before entering private property.
3. Always use proper recovery methods. Fill all holes and do no damage.
4. Always take your dug trash with you. Leave the area better than when you found it.
5. Appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.
6. As an ambassador of the sport, use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
7. Never damage or remove any historically significant or archaeological treasures.
8. Always leave gates as found and never tamper with signs or equipment.
9. Do not damage or alter property, buildings, or whatever may be left of historical sites.

This code of ethics has many variations, but they all have essentially the same goals. We, as members of our hobby, want to have the respect of the community and hope you can help us set a high level of that respect.

You'll find that our club has many members with a wealth of experience and knowledge about metal detecting and prospecting. You will not feel like an outsider when joining the UTC. Everyone in the club is willing to help you learn and enjoy the art and science of treasure hunting. Some may say it's not easy, but getting out with new friends and learning to treasure hunt has its own rewards. It's healthy exercise, it's exciting to find treasure, and nothing beats a day detecting in the park or at the river prospecting for that precious metal, "GOLD."

Now days prospecting has become more regulated than before. The BLM has taken control over the way we can access even our own claims. But the process is much more understandable and easy to comply with when you join the UTC. Becoming a member allows you to fill out the proper paperwork and have the signatures needed to access our claim, which is located on the beautiful San Miguel river about an hour and a half from Montrose. To become a member in good standing, you must attend meetings and participate in the club. Not everyone can make every meeting, but being active with the club is so very important to us.

We're excited to know more about you, so take a few minutes and tell us about yourself. Let us know what your interests are. Prospecting, metal detecting, bottle digging, whatever you like to do. We would be excited to help you or for you to help us. We'd love to know about your equipment, methods, and experiences.

Name and family members: _____

Metal Detecting: _____

Propecting: _____

Treasure Hunting: _____

Working: _____ Retired: _____

We really hope you'll consider joining the UTC. Our future is based on members who will be active in the club, We plan on having a great time in the years to come and hope you can be a part of the fun. Any time you have questions, the Board members as well as current club members can help. Current Officers are President Donald Rodarte, Vice President Mike Stansbery, Secretary Sandy Bliss, Treasurer Barb Roth, Finds Table coordinator Mike Stansbery, Raffle prizes Sandy Bliss, Duane Renfrow, Website Jim Waugh.

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Metal Detecting in Colorado

Metal detecting in Colorado means paying attention to the ARPA Law. (Archeological Resources Preservation Act). For Federal and State regulations on antiquities, go to: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/COMPS-1707/pdf/COMPS-1707.pdf>. You can also go to www.ecfr.gov for more info on detecting and prospecting regulations. Keep in mind that penalties for violating government and state laws on metal detecting can be quite severe and should not be taken lightly.

Our club has permission from the Director of Parks and Recreation to metal detect in all Montrose city parks. Just follow the code of ethics and be responsible. If you plan on metal detecting in Colorado, understand what the laws are, especially on State or Federal lands. Do not dig relics without knowing what the consequences will be if you are caught.

Reg.#100(b)(2) "It shall be prohibited to remove, destroy, mutilate, modify or deface any structure, water control device, poster, notice, sign or marker, tree, shrub, or other plant or vegetation, including dead timber and forest litter, or any object of archaeological, geological, historical, zoological or natural environmental value or interest on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.

Detecting in Colorado State parks is allowed only at the discretion of the park manager. You need to check with each park manager before detecting. Metal detecting is not specifically addressed by Colorado State Park Regulations.

Park managers can restrict use in certain areas. Remember, you can metal detect in Colorado parks, however, you can't dig and keep any artifact that is one hundred years old or older. Colorado Laws say 50 years. Check with state regulations.

Detecting on State beaches is allowed if you get a permit. Be careful. You need to ask if your permit is just for the beach area. Some States do not allow detecting outside of the beach area even with a permit.

Keep Detecting - Don't Give In.

All across America individuals who love the hobby are giving up because of the many unnecessary laws that are being forced upon us. If you are thinking of quitting, I would hope that you change your mind. Because by giving up, the archaeologists and the beauracrats who are trying to kill the hobby, will gain the upper hand, and they will win. If you are mad, upset, or want to be a part of the solution to ending the nonsensical laws that are destroying our rights, then please visit the Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs website at www.fmdac.org for more information on treasure hunting.