

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

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

Club Meeting: Lions Park Clubhouse, 7:00 pm, Monday, June 10, 2024

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

President's Message:

Hello members,

I want to thank all of you who attended the Memorial Day hunt and helped make it a fun event. I was very pleased at how it turned out and hope the prize award was a different way to make the hunt a little more interesting.

This coming Monday is our next Club meeting 7pm at the clubhouse. I really hope to see everyone there. On Tuesday the 11th, the club will host a rock display and metal detecting hunt for the Youth Services at the Montrose library as we have done in the past. I will be asking for volunteers at the meeting and sure hope we can help support the kids. The presentation will be from 10 am to noon at the Montrose library. I will have details at the meeting.

The weather has been wonderful and I hope you all can get out and do some detecting and bring your finds to the meeting. Hope to see everyone Monday.....Don

Secretary's Report:

Uncompahgre Treasure Club

Minutes of Monday – May 13, 2024

President Don Rodarte called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Duane Renfroe which was followed with a prayer by Don.

The Minutes of the April 8th meeting were read by Secretary Sandy Bliss. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Marilyn DiPrimo read the Treasurer's Report. The Report was approved.

Don welcomed visitor Ken Edds of Montrose. Later in the evening, Ken became our newest member!

Don's Reminders:

1. Club dues for 2024 are due.
2. Remember to check your email before leaving for a scheduled Club activity in case of any last minute changes.
3. A fair number of members showed up for our rescheduled hunt on May 1 at a home on 6530 Road. (On our original date of April 27 it rained!)

Don's Treasure Hunt:

After more than a year, Don's Treasure Hunt continues to stump us! Some members have solved the location while some members continue detecting for it. But... no member has found it yet! **Clues** can be found on the Club's website. Begin by checking on 1) More – 2) Documents – 3) Scroll down to Other Documents – 4) Scroll down to Don's Treasure Hunt Clues

The Youth Services Department of the Montrose Library has asked Don to return with another presentation for youngsters on rock hounding, metal detecting, and panning for gold. The date for this next presentation is **Tuesday, June 11 from 10am till 12 Noon.**

In July, the Ute Museum has a Summer Camp for youngsters that is usually a 3-day event. Don has been invited to return for a second time with his very well-received kids' presentation. He scored big points with the kids last year when they had the opportunity to metal detect for coins. Don will let us know when the Museum notifies him of the Summer Camp dates.

Last year Don gave his presentation to Ron Potberg's younger Boy Scouts. Ron has invited Don to return with another presentation for the older scouts. A date will be determined soon. Ron said the scouts are no longer Boy Scouts of America. Their new name is Trail Life USA.

Volunteers...are always welcome to help Don with his presentations for the kids. Check with him for his sign-up sheet!

BLM's Casual Use Permits

In order for members (and guests) to visit the Club's claim, each person must be able to show a BLM-signed Casual Use Permit and (for members) their current membership card. Don has emailed the blank permit to all members. Once received, fill it out and return it to Don at the next meeting. He will then take all the forms to the BLM. Let Don know if you are unable to

download or print the form.

The Claim: When the weather and the river pose no problems, Don said he will ask for volunteers to join him at the claim to post claim markers and perform any needed maintenance. This would also be a good opportunity for members to become familiar with the actual location of the claim and its boundaries. Maybe this year we can schedule a Club Day at The Claim!

Mark Your Calendars

Our Memorial Hunt is Sunday – May 26th from 3:00 pm till 6:00 pm

Don will be providing all the food (hotdogs, all sides, dessert and drinks)

The club will provide plates and utensils

Members will need a lawn chair, their detectors and their pin pointers

Our Annual Picnic is Sunday – August 11th at 3:00 pm

Possible sites for club hunts

Members discussed various sites around Montrose, Delta and other surrounding areas that could be opportunities for club hunts. Don hopes to get more information from the gal in Mesa (Jeanie Arnet) regarding the old Spanish trail. The White Water area was mentioned as an area for finding geodes, Fort Crawford was mentioned as well as the old school house in Colona. Unfortunately, many of the areas will not allow metal detecting.

Don said the annual Rock & Gem Show at Heddles Rec Center in Delta will be on
Saturday – June 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This year they have 28 vendors and many great items for the kids.

Don will stay in touch with the TV Producer who contacted him asking for more information about our club.

A break was taken for refreshments and voting on the Finds Table.

Following the break, Don announced that all squares on the Raffle Board had been filled. He drew a number and the winning member was **Janice Cooper** who received a beautiful, one ounce silver medallion.

Don and Duane conducted the club's regular raffle.

Following the raffle, Ben announced that the Find of the Month winner was Don with his war nickel.

The meeting was adjourned.

May 2024 Find of the Month Scoreboard:

Numbers in red denote find of the month winners												
NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Ben Golden		2	3	4	3							12
Jim Waugh		3			1							4
Janice Cooper			3									3
Carol O'Donnel			1									1
Eileen Golden			4									4
Dave Farley				7								7
Don Rodarte					13							13

2024 Find of the Month Winners To-date:

MONTH	NAME	ITEM
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY	Jim Waugh	Mineral Specimen
MARCH	Janice Cooper	Heart
APRIL	Dave Farley	Metal Chisel
MAY	Don Rodarte	1944 War Nickel

2024 Category and Find of the Month Winners:

May 2024 Category and FOM Winners		
Category	Winner	Description
A US COINS	Don Rodarte	1944 War nickel
B TOKENS & FOREIGN COINS		
C JEWELRY (SILVER & GOLD)	Ben Golden	Silver Heart
D JEWELRY (ALL OTHER)	Don Rodarte	
E TOYS (ALL)	Don Rodarte	Match Box Car
F MISCELLANEOUS	Don Rodarte	Raccoon Face
G RELICS	Don Rodarte	Bottle Opener
H MODERN METALLIC	Don Rodarte	Old Knife
I MINERAL SPECIMENS	Don Rodarte	Agatized Geode
J DISPLAYS	Don Rodarte	
FIND OF THE MONTH	Don Rodarte	1944 War nickel

Photo Gallery:



Don and Janice, winner of raffle board silver medallion prize



Group photo, 2024 Memorial Day Picnic and hunt



Ken successfully detected the key which opened treasure box lock

Birthdays in June:

David Lehmann	
Kim Nygaard	
Andy Roesch	

Events Calendar 2024:

Jun. 10 -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Bldg., Lions Park

Jun. 11 -- Kids presentation/detecting, 10:00am – 12:00 pm, Montrose Library

Jul. TBD – Rocks & Minerals for Kids presentation, Dept. of Educ. UTE Museum, Montrose

Jul. 8 -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Bldg., Lions Park

Aug. 11 -- Club meeting, summer hunt and potluck picnic, 2:00-7:00 pm, Lions Park

Sep. 9 -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Bldg., Lions Park

Oct. 14 -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Bldg., Lions Park

Nov. 11 -- Club meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Bldg., Lions Park

Dec. 9 -- Club meeting & Christmas potluck dinner, 5:00-9:00 pm, Community Bldg., Lions Park

Wisdom:

An old coin – relic – what's it – or piece of junk? If in doubt, check it out.

Did you know: The “Million Dollar Highway” was named for the gold dust supposedly in the fill dirt used to build the road in the late 1800s.