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GARY PRESENTS FRAMED WOLF PHOTO TO PINIE, D.J., AND SHAWN

Conells Move to Alaska

By Dick Oakes

The wonderful news for **Shawn & Pinie Conell** is they are moving to Alaska in August. That news is devastating, however, for those of us who have to remain behind without their "take charge" attitudes when doing so much for the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.

The dedicated duo, both of whom were most recently on the GPR's Board of Directors, organized our annual detecting/prospecting/dowsing/speed-panning outing; hosted several other club outings (Golden mining museum, Colorado Springs mining museum, Phoenix Gold Mine tour, etc.); helped with the monthly drawings; handled refreshments; conducted guest panning sessions; made up the original batch of club T-shirts; headed the club's informal artifact recovery team; showed youngsters and their parents how to recover gold at our Panning Demonstrations; and held sway at Perkins Restaurant as after-meeting shmoozers.

Shawn, Pinie, and their son **D.J.** (whom we all know and respect as

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

Greetings to all "Gold Prospectors of the Rockies" members!



The rains continue; birds are starting to do that flock thing they do before they head for warmer climes; evenings are cool and I have noticed a reduced light level as I drive to work in the mornings. Yep, winter is getting closer. Time to get those last minute prospecting trips in so you have plenty of concentrates to work when the cold weather keeps you inside.

Sad news: **Shawn & Pinie Conell** are moving

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Hello once again.



I want to start off with a personal message to **Shawn and Pinie Conell**: A big thanks to both of you for all you've done for Donna and me. If it weren't for people like you two, I think Donna and I would not have stayed with the club as long as we have. You were the first people in the club we got to know and you made us feel

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

Lloyd G. Clements Community Center

1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado

(One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)

7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Information: (303) 933-1147

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

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a fine, upstanding young man and also an active GPR member) will head "North to the Future" to make their home in the Fairbanks area near the heart of Alaska's gold country. In Alaska, they'll be able to search for that most elusive of lustrous metals, the Alaska state mineral, *gold!*

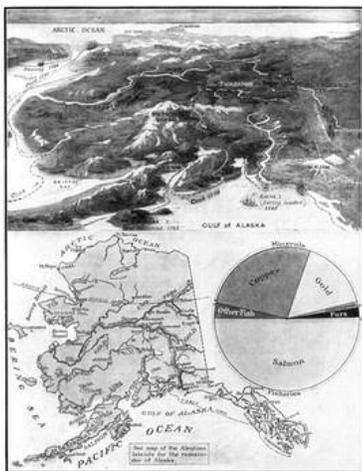
The Conells, along with club member **Joe Johnston**, will drive up the Alaska Highway with a long trailer, rest for a day, drive back to Colorado, rest another day, and drive north once more to get all their prospecting equipment and, yes, a few other household items, to their new home, after which Joe will fly back to GPRland. They leave behind son **David** (who will be going to school in Virginia), and long-time GPR members **Larry Boyes** (their "adopted dad," now in Idaho) and **Pat Kime** (their "adopted mom" here in Colorado).

Pinie told me they're going to miss everyone in the GPR, which has been their "second family," but that they're looking forward to having club members visit them in the "Last Frontier, Great Land, Land of the Midnight Sun" as their "door is always open" (just be sure to let them know a reasonable amount of time in advance!).

Shawn, seconding what Pinie said, wrote that they will greatly miss their "second family" and that a few tears would be shed when parting from their "special prospecting partners, **Jeff & Donna Mosteller**." He went on to say that they came to know and enjoy everyone's company, leadership, and friendship, and while not looking forward to saying goodbye to anyone, wants everyone to know that "life is too darn short not to fulfill dreams and start a new life in the Last Frontier."

"Everyone has been absolutely outstanding, and no single GPR member has ever turned his or her back on us when in time of need or assistance," Shawn wrote. He added, "We will always remain members, doing our best to help in any way that we can remotely. We have met so many special people through the GPR who have changed our lives for the best. We are looking forward to getting settled and seeing some members come our way to visit. May all of the friends we have made live healthy prosperous lives and we wish the best of luck to everyone when they are prospecting or detecting."

We in the GPR wish the Conells happy prospecting, mosquito-less summers, unfrozen winter windows, and always-full pepper spray canisters (in case of bear signs, of course). The members of their "second family" will miss *them, too!*



BLM Mining Fee Up!

From Lewis Mitcham

REGARDING LAST MONTH'S BLM ARTICLE:

Be advised that the government just raised the price of the annual fee for holding a mining claim to \$125.00, payable each year. The old fee was \$100.00. I know, as I just paid it for my selenite crystal claim in Utah.

Silver City to Denver in September

By Dick Oakes

The John Sayles movie *Silver City* is scheduled to be released in Colorado theaters beginning September 17, 2004. The story takes place against the backdrop of a Colorado gubernatorial campaign, focusing on an election in a small town that is affected by the discovery of a dead body in a nearby lake. The film was shot in six weeks on a budget of about \$5 million.



Silver City, lensed in Colorado locations, has scenes taken throughout the Phoenix Gold Mine--even in the collapsed section--as well as Leadville.

Ralph Waite, "Pa" on *The Waltons*, is Casey Lyle, a character modeled on the owner of the Phoenix, Al Mosch. Al told me the film crew was at the mine for about ten days.

Some of the other actors are Chris Cooper (the candidate, who is partly based on Sayles' concept of President Bush), Daryl Hannah, Kris Kristofferson, Danny Huston, Cheech Marin, Billy Zane, Tim Roth, Maria Bello, and Richard Dreyfuss.

Check out the movie trailer online at movies.com:

<http://movies.go.com/movies/S/silvercity_2004/index.html>



Georgetown Loop Railroad Update

The Colorado Historical Society announced that it would award the operating contract for the historic Georgetown Loop Railroad to New York-based Railstar Inc., ending a 31-year run by a local family-owned business.

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to Alaska. They have both been actively involved with the GPR for many years and they will be deeply missed. They have helped with numerous committees, been Board Members, planned club outings, developed and ran our Annual Metal Detecting outing and then developed and implemented the GPR Cache Hunt. They always made time to help new members as well as swap stories with us old timers. It was a bitter-sweet meeting with them after the August meeting to present them with the wolf picture that club members had signed. I found it exciting to know they were taking a chance on a new adventure but at the same time my heart was saddened by the thought of them leaving. To Shawn & Pinie: "Happy trails to you, until we meet again." You will always be in our hearts.

Joe Johnston will be assuming some of the duties that Shawn & Pinie had, not the least of which will be the GPR Cache hunt. Thanks for taking on such

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Alaskans like to joke that the mosquito is the Alaska state bird. After you see their unusually large size you may stop laughing and start running. They won't kill you but be warned that the loud drone you hear in Fairbanks may not be a low-flying ultralight aircraft!

GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Honcho
Sep	4-5	11:00a -4:00p	Panning Demo	Labor Day Celebration, Visitors Center, Central City, (800) 542-2999 Panning demos Sat. and Sun. only.	Jeff Mosteller
	15	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	Alan Mershon
	17-19		Event	37th Annual Denver Gem & Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart, Expo Hall, 451 E. 58th Ave. (at I-25), Denver. Adults \$5, Teens \$3, Seniors \$3, Kids Free.	
	25	10:00a -5:00p	Outing	GPR Annual BBQ Outing , 6911 N. Washington St., Denver, CO 80229. Please bring chairs, folding tables, side dishes, beverages (see story).	Donna Mosteller
Oct	2	10:00a -3:00p	Panning Demo	Harvest Festival, Rock Ledge Ranch Living History Museum, off of 30th St. by the entrance to Garden of the Gods Park, Colorado Springs	Jeff Mosteller
	3	10:00a -4:00p	Panning Demo	Pumpkin Festival, Four Mile Historical Park, Denver	Jeff Mosteller
	20	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	Alan Mershon
	31	6:00p- 10:00p	Event	UNCONFIRMED: Phoenix Gold Mine Ghost Mine Tours, Idaho Springs GPR volunteers needed for tours to happen.	Dick Oakes

All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities are asked to **be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people** and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling.
PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PANNING DEMOS ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE START TIME.

GPR Annual BBQ Outing Slated for Saturday, September 25!

By Jeff Mosteller

This year the club is going to do an "In town" BBQ instead of the usual overnight end-of-season gathering in hopes of getting more participation of those who can't handle the high altitudes. We understand that a lot of people cannot just break away and travel 100 miles for an overnight camping trip as we've done in the past. Hope to see all of you there for an afternoon of fellowship. Please join us for this event.

This event will be Saturday September 25, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Tymkovich Meats, 6911 N. Washington St., Denver, CO 80229. Tymkovich Meats has graciously provided space in their lower parking lot for this outing but ask that you park in the lower lot and not in customer slots in front of the store. Food will be available from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, paperware, and condiment. Please bring a side dish, at least enough for yourselves and another person, as well as your own favorite beverage.

We need to get a head count of those who want to participate so we can give our outing hosts some idea of how many people are coming. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting or you can call **Donna Mosteller** at (303) 202-9302 to RSVP.

Please bring something to sit on. If you have extra chairs and folding tables please get together with **Jeff Mosteller** during the next meeting or call him at the above number so we can coordinate their use. The club will set up the main canopy from the Demonstrations Trailer.

There are several activities planned, including panning and sluicing the creek (no motorized equipment, please). We also will have our first-ever GPR Speed Panning Contest for current card carrying members of the club, awarding prizes for the top three finalists: Gold, Silver, and Bronze (gee, just like the Olympics).

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a responsibility, Joe.

The Black Hawk / Central City tour was attended by 14 people. We had a great time, saw a lot of mining related items, ate some delicious ice cream, and became re-introduced to the closeness of nature at 8,500 feet in the form of lightning.

I have been in contact with Colleen Gadd, Visitor & Resource Protection Supervisor, Jefferson County Open Space. She was very complimentary about the way GPR members conduct themselves while prospecting in Clear Creek Canyon. Open Space is about to enter into some final rule making meetings regarding the use of the canyon and she wants to be sure we have representation at the meetings. I will keep you informed of meetings when I learn about them.

Special Notice: Clear Creek Canyon will be closed from September 13 through October 3, reopening on October 4. There are plans to replace three bridges between the City of Golden and the wye at Highways 6 and 119.

We have a few more panning demos lined up through October. Jeff Mosteller will keep you informed of the dates and locations. Please volunteer to help with this worthwhile activity.

The Board has decided to make the annual Club outing a local affair this year. The thought was if the outing remains closer to the Denver area, more members would be inclined to attend. As of this writing, the outing will be at the Tymkovich Meat Market parking lot at 6911 N. Washington

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Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Joe Johnston, Allen Mershon, Joe Shubert, Terry Weatherly. Unable to attend: Pinie Conell, Shawn Conell, Sue Clover, Ken Oyler.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence

Membership renewals and newsletters from other clubs.

Committee Reports

Reports: Drawings, Monthly Q&A, Club Store, Panning Demos, Prospecting, Nominating, Ken Barker Award, Metal Detecting, Refreshments, Speakers, Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, Membership, Newsletter, Website, Publicity, Advertising.

No Report: Outings, Library History & Video, Vendors, Dowsing, Find of the Month/Year.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

C.A.N.P.O. Update. Hank Innerfeld. Report should be complete for September meeting.

Central City Payment Update. Jeff Mosteller. Resolved.

Technical Questions Update. Sue Clover. Held over to September meeting.

GPR Cache. Joe Johnston. Hunt target has not been found.

Annual Club Outing. Board of Directors. Date to be determined.

New Business

Shawn & Pinie Conell. Gary Hawley. Shawn & Pinie are moving to Alaska. Joe Johnston will be in charge of the GPR Cache and possibly several other committees.

Elections. Joe Shubert. Joe, the Nominations Committee Coordinator, advised us that election time is near. He will have notifications in the newsletter. Gary will make announcements.

Planned Outings

See the GPR Events Calendar in *The Gold Nugget* newsletter.

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: September 15, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: September 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Ray Horton of the Flatirons Mineral Club in Boulder to speak of his mining experiences.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by Shirley Weilnau. Introduction of attending board of directors; new board director Joe Johnston.

Treasurer's report: Major expense was gold.

Shawn & Pinie Conell, very active club members, are moving to Alaska.

Dick Oakes gave membership report. Asked for volunteers for the Ghost Mine Tour for Halloween at the Phoenix Mine, 6-10 pm for three days.

VP Jeff Mosteller announced upcoming panning demos, possibly at the Rock Ledge Harvestfest (details to follow), Four-Mile Historic Park, and Flatirons Mineral Club. The Territorial Trader costumer in Arvada sent thanks to members who have patronized, and maybe saved, his business during recent street construction which impacted local retailers.

Gary Hawley reminded members to always fill in prospecting holes and to suggest the same to other diggers. Jeffco Open Space supervisors are adamant about this. Jeff Mosteller scheduled an informal club outing on Saturday, 21 August, in Clear Creek Canyon. Meet at the gas station on Highway 119 at 9:30 or find us later at mile marker three.

Gary Hawley mentioned the upcoming tour of the Central City - Black Hawk area. Tour will leave Lion's Park in Golden at 9:30, Sunday, 22 August. Will make stops in Central City, Black Hawk, Coeur D'Alene Mine, and other spots. Bring a lunch and drinking water.

Jeffco gets public inquiries about gold prospecting in open space and refers them to the club. September 18 will be a government cleanup of Clear Creek Canyon. The club will be among other volunteers. Sign up for the bus ride into the canyon (road will be closed to traffic).

Rick Miska asked the question of the month.

Joe Shubert is working on the selection of the Ken Barker Award.

Gary Hawley reminded members that election of club officers is coming up. Also the annual club outing will probably be held the last week in September and will be fairly local.

Allen Mershon gave out gold concentrates to demo helpers.

Joe Johnston gave the third clue for the hidden cache.

Rick Miska gave the answer to the question of the month.

Allen Mershon introduced the evening's speaker, Ray Horton, Programs Co-Chair of the Flatirons Mineral Club.

Mr. Horton set up nationwide safety programs for 4-H clubs. He felt that all the time and trouble was worth it if it saved just one life. For gold prospecting he recommended the buddy system in the back country. Also two vehicles are safer than one. He has panned in every prospective stream in Colorado. He warned that bears and mountain lions are no longer afraid of humans. In Nebraska he was once caught in quicksand and also suggested that prospectors be wary of fast water, even in what appears to be sheltered places in the stream: there may be strong eddies below calm water. Also beware of rattlesnakes. The first person passing by will often agitate the snake which then strikes the second or third person in line. He related his experience with a rare albino rattlesnake. Intrigued by it he suddenly found himself surrounded by albino rattlesnakes! He suggested that burnt and rusty metal gold pans are more efficient than

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In 1895, Tom Walsh, a smelter operator in Silverton, took samples of abandoned mine dumps in the Imogene Basin above Ouray and found gold-bearing quartz the original prospectors had not recognized. He bought the claims cheap and seven years later walked off with \$7,500,000. ~Al Look

Buena Vista's Gold Rush Days 2004

By Dick Oakes

Gold Rush Days in Buena Vista (pronounced BYOO-nah VIH-stah by the locals) was a fun-for-all this year. It was Buena Vista's 125th anniversary and all stops were pulled to show visitors a great time. Main Street was blocked off for plenty of music, cowboy dancers, stage shows, story tellers, the final Champion Pack Burro Race of the triple crown, 100+ vendors and food booths, street performers, gunfighters, and a pancake breakfast. This year's Chamber of Commerce fundraiser was the Rubber Duck Race down Cottonwood Creek "for cash, prizes, and fun!" I became the announcer for the rubber duckies run, calling the race over a bullhorn.



To add to the festivities, the Shady Ladies, purveyors of women's history in the Old West, gave continuous 15-minute presentations in a tent outfitted as a parlour house of the late 1800s. The program was a brief history of the westward movement and women's role in it, and options for women on the frontier. They talked about prostitution as one of those options and discussed in detail the operation of a "house," Victorian birth control methods, and hazards of the profession. The subject matter, intended for adults, was also instructional and informative for teenagers. For more information about this award winning, non-profit educational performance organization and also about their other shows, such as the popular stage series, "Unconventional Women of the West," see their website at <www.shadyladies.org> -- that's .ORG, and NOT .com or .net (don't go there!).

One of the major vendors on Main Street was the Rock Doc, whose gold panning tubs were a hit. Cindy and Dirk Peratt's store is south of Buena Vista in the angle where road 260 loops down to the right in the Prospectors Village center. We took the 12-mile drive

down to their "largest rock shop in the Rockies" to see the gift shop, art gallery, and huge selection of rock specimens, as well as the area's destination for prospecting supplies that include dredges, metal detectors, gold pans, and the like. The store has gold panning for kids out front, but be sure to call first to find out if the panning is in operation: (719) 539-2019. For more about The Rock Doc, check often to see when their website at <www.therockdoc.net> comes out of construction. Cindy, Dirk, or one of their employees will be glad to show you where gold is to be found in the area, too.

We also found a booth displaying "Genuine Pennsylvania Mountain Nuggets" called Penn. Mt. Gold. The mine, located near Fairplay, has produced the two largest gold nuggets in Colorado. Naturally, I had to obtain three tiny nuggets for myself! To find out about Gold Rush Days for 2005, drop in to the Fourteenernet comprehensive website at <www.fourteenernet.com/goldrush> sometime next year before the shindig.

Held concurrently over at the Rodeo Grounds was Contin-Tail, Colorado's largest outdoor gem and mineral show, where at another 100+ booths, you could pick up mineral specimens, jewelry, and jewelry findings for a song (well, almost).



There were sellers of lapidary equipment and supplies, too, as well as minerals for cutting and polishing your own cabochons and gemstones.

The area offers much more than what is found at the Gold Rush Days celebration. Activities include Jeep tours, kayaking, rafting, fishing, biking, and horseback riding, as well as the highly touted Lost Mine Tour near Salida. So, it isn't out of the question to spend a vacation of a week or three surrounding Gold Rush Days in the stretch of valley from Granite through Buena Vista and Nathrop to Salida and Poncha Springs. Visit <www.peaksnewsnet.com> for area info and a colorful visitor's guide.

For those who were interested in beading and beadworking, just down and up the road a piece in Fairplay was the Bead Swap (you give the vendors money and they "swap" you their merchandise!). Carol and I did some "swapping" on the way back home, coming away with some nice "finds." Have to go back though, as we want to see the South Park City Museum, an authentic restoration of a Colorado mining boomtown with 34 authentic buildings. If you want to go to the museum, first get the Special Internet Discount at <www.southparkcity.org>.

We made two days of it, staying at the last room available at the local Super8 on Friday and Saturday nights, which we reserved over a month in advance. There are bed-and-breakfasts in the area, such as Rocky Mountain High B&B, which you can learn about at <www.fourteener.net/wildflower> as well as several motels, but as we did, if you plan to go and stay a couple of nights, be sure to reserve early, even at the KOA campground nearby: <www.buenavistakoa.com>.

All in all, Buena Vista's Gold Rush Days are well worth the drive.

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St. on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Club will supply the dogs, burgers, buns, condiments, plates, and forks. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish, enough for you and one other person. We will be able to access Clear Creek from the parking lot so bring a pan and/or sluice. NO mechanized equipment is allowed in this area. The gold is small but plentiful and can usually be found at a depth of 9-12 inches. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting and any last minute information will be available.

We have some interesting things coming up in the next few months. Read your copy of *The Gold Nugget*, attend the meetings, get involved, and above all enjoy your club and hobby.

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

2005 Elections and Ken Barker Award

by Joe Shubert,
Nominating Committee Coordinator



Hello fellow Gold Prospectors of the Rockies Members. I am not sure where the year has gone, but here we are almost to fall already.

Elections

Fall brings the election of officers for the following year. Maybe you are satisfied with the officers that are in office now and maybe you would like to see new blood in office. At the September meeting I will let everyone know what offices have openings including board members. I will have forms for you to nominate someone for an office or maybe run for one yourself.

This club belongs to all of you and you have a say in how it is run by the people you elect for office. Therefore please give it some thought.

Some notes:

- A person nominated for an office must be a Club member in good standing.
- The candidates for President and Vice President shall be persons who have been active as Committee persons, or Officers, or Directors during the previous year.
- Currently, the GPR has ten Directors-at-Large, who oversee various Committee Coordinators as assigned by the President.
- According to the GPR Bylaws, any group of twenty members or more of the Club may submit additional nominations to the Nominating Committee for one or more of the elected positions.
- All nominations for officers and board members must be given to the Nominating Committee Coordinator at the October meeting.
- The list will be compiled and presented at the November General Meeting at which time elections will take place.

The following is from the GPR Standing Operating Procedures:

1. ORDER OF VOTING

- The order of vote shall be for President, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary, and Directors.

2. DIRECTORS

- Four (or more) Board Members-at-Large are elected to serve with the three elected officers as the GPR Board of Directors.

3. LACK OF CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

- Should there be no candidate for a particular office, an additional Director shall be elected.
- The newly elected Board shall convene immediately following the election to appoint one of their members to fill that office until such time as a special election may be held.

4. MORE THAN ONE OFFICE

- A member may run for more than one office.
- If a member is elected President, then that nominee's name shall be removed from election for subsequent offices according to the Order of Voting.

5. NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR

- Nominations for elected office will be accepted from the floor at the November General Meeting from a member-in-good-standing in attendance or by proxy from a member-in-good



standing.

- The member nominated must have agreed to run for a particular office prior to being brought to the floor as a nominee.
 - Proxy nominations may be made by email, telephone, or mail to the Coordinator of the Nominating Committee who shall deliver the proxy nominations at the November General Meeting.
 - All proxy email, telephone, or mail nomination messages must be received no later than 8:00 p.m., Mountain Time, *the day prior* to the November General Meeting of the membership.
6. ELECTION
- Nominees are elected to office only by members-in-good-standing present at the November General Meeting of the membership. No Absentee Ballots will be accepted.

Ken Barker Award

Also, as a reminder, it is drawing close to time to elect a GPR member for the Ken Barker award.

The Annual Ken Barker Award was established in November 2003 to honor the memory of Kenneth Barker, Vice President of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies 2003.

The award is designed to recognize the Club member who most closely exemplifies the love and passion for gold prospecting that Ken brought to the organization.



The following is from the GPR Standing Operating Procedures:

1. NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- Member in good standing
- Promotes gold prospecting
- Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies
- Participates in Club activities
- Anticipates the needs of the Club and does his/her best to fulfill those needs
- Contributes to the success of the Club with his/her extra efforts

2. EXCEPTIONS

- Neither the President nor the Vice-President shall be eligible for this award.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

- The recipient of this award shall be selected by secret ballot at the November General Meeting.
- A write-in ballot form will be made available by the Ken Barker Award Committee to all members in good standing as they check in at the membership table at the November General Meeting (no absentee ballots will be honored). This ballot shall include the Nominee Qualifications.
- An appropriate container to receive completed ballots will be made available by the Ken Barker Award Committee.
- The Ken Barker Awards Committee shall tally the ballots within seven (7) days after the November General Meeting and notify the Club President as to the name of the winner. In the event of a tie, the Board shall select one of the finalists to receive the award.
- The President shall, at the December meeting, present an award (determined by the Board) and a "Ken Barker Award" plaque to the award winner.

It's not the voting that's democracy; it's the counting.

~Tom Stoppard

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.6 gram nugget.....	Jay Nunn
1.7 gram nugget.....	Dale Herbertson
1.6 gram nugget.....	Roger Jones
1.2 gram nugget.....	Carol Oakes
1.0 gram nugget.....	Jay Nunn
0.9 gram nugget.....	Carol Oakes
0.8 gram nugget.....	Joe Johnston
0.8 gram nugget.....	Jay Nunn
0.7 gram nugget.....	Cindy Douthard
0.6 gram nugget.....	Hank Innerfeld
0.6 gram nugget.....	Hank Innerfeld
0.5 gram nugget.....	Bill Duncanson

Membership Drawing

1.9 gram nugget.....	Jeff Mosteller
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Door Prize Drawings

Rose Pin.....	Shirley Weilnau
Rose Pin.....	Dale Herbertson
(Rose Pins donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Calculator.....	Ian Duncanson
(Calculator donated by Hank Innerfeld)	
Grab Bag.....	Milt Collum
Grab Bag.....	Barbara Conte
Grab Bag.....	Dakota Keyser
Grab Bag.....	LeRoy Lamgo
Grab Bag.....	Wayne McCarroll
Grab Bag.....	Teena Swisher
(Grab Bags donated by Roy Horton)	

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** for donating the nice jewelry for the door prize.

The special "Members Only" drawing was a hit! I plan to give away several different items over the next few months, so the prize won't always be a nugget but it will always be a surprise! Remember to wear your yellow membership badge so you don't miss out.

November will be election month. I think every member should have the opportunity to have a voice in how the club is run and voting for your choice of Board Members is one way to be heard. Another is to run for office. So, to help "get out the vote" at the November meeting, I have planned some special prizes for the drawings. Plan to come to vote for next year's officers and buy lots of tickets, as the nuggets will be very special. That's all I'll tell you for now, and I'm even going to keep it a secret from Gary until the November meeting.

Sadly, September will be the last month of the Anvil Creek, Alaska, gold but Fairbanks gold will soon follow! With that in mind, come and check out the last Anvil Creek nuggets at the September meeting. We will give away a total of 13.1 grams of gold in September with the largest nugget being 2.5 grams! Four other nuggets will be over 1 gram each!

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!

Welcome New Members and Guests

Welcome new members **Mary & Ronald Kathrens** and **Kim Kesner** and guests **Ray Horton**, our speaker, and **Paul Ralston**.

The Q&A

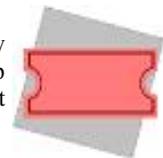
By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

The Question for last month was:

Q: The Rev. George Darley built what is now known as the oldest house of worship (Presbyterian) on the Western Slope. In what town is it located?

A: Lake City (Hinsdale County)

Source: *An Empire of Silver*, Robert Brown, Page 74



The Question for this month is:

Q: What Leadville mine, producing 118,500 dollars in silver in a 24-hour period, was named after a southern General? (Google search: leadville \$118,500)

Members who submit the correct answer to this question at the next meeting will receive a ticket for the nugget drawing.



September Birthdays

The following GPR members were born in this month. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

Art Achtemeier, Mary Beggs, Henry Chambless, Bill Chapman, Marge Collum, Sally Crumley, Susan Duncanson, Ed Finney, Linda Glendenning, Ryan Lambrecht, Debbie Lefor, Steve Matti, Wayne McCarroll, Ron McKee, Steve Overton, Linda Shubert, Hillary Smith, Glen Spencer, Dale Varner, Terry Weatherly, Larry Weilnau, Jim Yeatrakas.

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We meet at the Lloyd G. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado, on the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. sharp to educate members about gold prospecting and gold prospecting rules, review old and new products, coordinate outings, participate in drawings for door prizes and nuggets, socialize with like-minded friendly folks, and promote the pursuit of gold.

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This 2-bedroom house in Bonanza, Colorado, has a large kitchen, storage room, wood stove for cooking, and an electric heater. There is, however, no water available. Prospecting and hunting are allowed. \$18,000 (Negotiable/Trade). Contact Teena Swisher, (303) 428-5696, Ext. 237 (Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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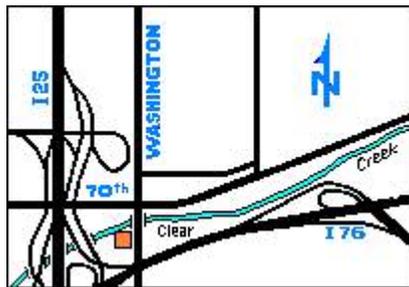
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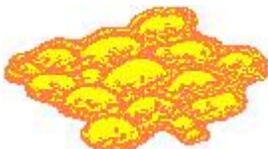
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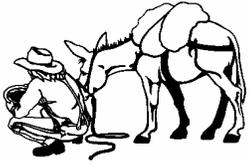
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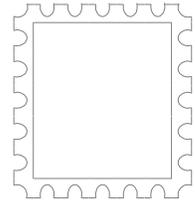


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Another short-lived entrant in the game of coining Colorado gold was Dr. John D. Parsons, who in partnership with a Mr. Black formed Parsons & Company. Setting up his assaying and minting equipment in the community of Hamilton, Parsons produced a very small output of his gold coins and ingots around June of 1861. His quarter eagles and half eagles bear on their obverse the image of an ore-stamping mill, with the legend J. PARSON (sic) & Co. (the \$5 piece spelled his first name JNo), as well as the single word ORO, Spanish for gold. The reverse of each coin displays an eagle with outstretched wings, copied from the federal coinage. The legend PIKES PEAK GOLD and the coin's value surrounds it. As with Conway & Co., Dr. Parson's operation was of short duration. It produced very few coins, and less than a dozen pieces are known today for both denominations combined. ~ www.coinsite.com



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 smooth, shiny ones. You should carry a compass in case of darkness or white-out. He compared carbide and battery head-lamps. The batteries are expensive (\$150) but very efficient. Carbide lamps are now outlawed because the fumes cause tooth decay.

The Flatirons Mineral Club organizes field trips and raises money for scholarships. They also give lapidary instruction, having access to University of Colorado facilities to cut and polish gemstones. Mr. Horton passed around a high grade gold specimen (3.1 oz/ton) from the Cross Mine in Nederland.

After prize drawings, **Gary Hawley** again asked for panning demo volunteers. For those wishing to socialize after the meeting, he invited all to meet at the Perkins Restaurant at Colfax and Simms.
 Meeting adjourned.

Good Indentions

A friend of mine was unhappy with his wife's mood swings and bought her a mood ring so he could monitor her moods. He discovered that the ring turns green when she is in a good mood. When she's in a bad mood, it leaves a big red mark on his forehead.

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welcome. Also, thanks to you for all you have done for the club. It's folks like you who make these things work. You are getting a chance to live your dream, take all it has to offer. We will miss you. Okay, the mushy stuff's over; on to business.

The Labor Day event in Central City has been cut short one day because of budget constraints in the city. Therefore, we will be doing Saturday and Sunday only. The next demos will be in October. I will have rosters at the next meeting. Thanks to all who have volunteered for the demos. Your help is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to **Allen Mershon** for all the concentrates he has donated to the panning demo volunteers. "There's gold in them thar jars."

That reminds me, there were four people I couldn't find at the meeting: **Jim Jarnutowski, Dan Lefor, Debbie Lefor, and Matt Schreiner**. I have your cut of the concentrates put aside. See me at the September meeting.

Lastly, I have been working my fingers to the bone building a Photo Gallery on the web of the pictures we have gathered over the past few years and I'm proud to say the first of two galleries is done (although the photos are not annotated). The first gallery is a collage of pictures that were taken from the 2002-2003 season. There are pictures from every demo, starting humbly at the Adams County Fair and continuing to the second gallery of present day events. The web site on which the photos may be found is "Ofoto," a sister company of Kodak. You will have to create an account to get into the galleries but it's free to join. If you wish, you will be able to purchase hard copies of prints in many formats, as well as CDs. You may run the galleries as slide shows and, yes, you may copy and paste any pictures you want right into your computers. When we're finished with these galleries, there will be almost 1,000 pictures on line and we will add more as they come in, so visit often. Many of you are in the galleries. There will be a guest book you will need to sign when you visit the first time. We have been members of the site for some time and have never received any spam from this site and they do not pass your info to other web sites. They will, however, from time-to-time send you offers on prints. The URL to these galleries, which also is available on the GPR website, is:

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Until next time, be careful out there.