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My Friend Jerry Joe Fortunato

I will never forget that sunny day in the fall of 2003 when I first met Jerry Jones. It was my first attempt at finding gold in Clear Creek on N. Washington St. I had started my quest, filled with excitement and enthusiasm. But after a few hours of shoveling and panning, I had not found a single speck of gold.

I was standing on the creek bank feeling a whole lot less excited and enthusiastic, when Jerry found me. He would often drive by to, as he would say, "check the river". So I guess when he spotted my truck that day, he just had to stop by. It only took a few minutes for me to be very happy that he did.

I quickly felt comfortable talking to Jerry. I guess he felt the same way, because it wasn't long before he was telling me exactly where I should dig. I was fired-up and ready to go by the time we ended our conversation, exchanging names and a hand shake.

Before his butt hit the seat of his truck, my feet hit the bottom of Clear Creek! In a matter of minutes I was thrilled at the sight of tiny gleaming pieces of gold in my pan! I know it is difficult for most people to understand. How can it be that someone can work so hard for so long to find so little and be so happy about it. Well, it's a rare condition that Jerry and I have, along with a very small number of people on this earth. It's called "Gold Fever" and some day if you are lucky you might get it too.

I have been quite lucky that past two and a half years since I first met Jerry. I almost always find gold when I look for it now. Jerry and I have been out prospecting on a number of occasions, times that I will always cherish. Heck...one time I even got him to break out his

The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

It is good to have Daylight Savings Time kick in again! I really appreciate that additional hour in the evening. It gives me some extra time to clean, repair and test my prospecting equipment.

The warmer weather will soon bring spring runoff, along with the normal rains we usually get in April. Remember to be aware of rising water levels when you are prospecting.



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It was my sad duty to report the passing of former GPR member Jerry Jones. Jerry had been a strong supporter of the GPR and could often be found prospecting along Clear Creek. I have enjoyed several hours prospecting with Jerry; swapping gold stories and expert prospecting observations: ... it should be on this bend, maybe." Or: "...look at this big piece of gold. No, on the other side of the pan." Jerry was always ready to lend a hand to help or a hand to shake.

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings.

What a suprise, I had no idea that the coordinator from the boyscouts was going to be at the meeting with gifts for everybody, way to go.



A few months ago I was in contact with Ms. Gadd from Jefferson County Open space about the parking issues in Clear Creek Canyon, if any of you have any questions and or concerns about any areas please let me know so I may relay them to her for a response.

> With the weather warming up everybody is getting the itch to get in the creeks, now would be a good time as I think when the runoff starts this

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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 <> ghawley1@juno.com Website: http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/

GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website, you can contact the club webmaster at:

prospector@phantomranch.net

Dick will be happy to review any suggestions or comments you may have.



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He was a friend and he will be missed.

I enjoyed having Boy Scout Leader Gary Edwards lead the pledge of allegiance at the meeting. It was great to be recognized by the Boy Scouts for the panning demo at the scout leaders training session. Thanks to Jeff Mosteller and his demo helpers for the effort in presenting this demo. Congratulations to Jeff and Donna on becoming grandparents, again. (Another gold prospector in the making?)

If you have a new mailing address, e-mail address or new telephone number, please advise Cindy Douthard of the changes. We have recently had a couple newsletters returned because of no forwarding address.

Sue Lemieux has an outing planned for April 22! Check her article for the particulars. Sue would like to know how many people will be attending so, contact her with that information.

I gave the 6th cache clue on March 15. There has been enough information given to locate the cache (easy for me to say) and the 7th clue should nail it down even more (again, easy for me to say).

Congratulations to the lucky special nuggets winners! We had three winners who each received a beautiful nugget. Thanks to all members who made this drawing so exciting.

Jeff Mosteller has an agenda full of panning demos. He will have sign up sheets at the meetings and will be calling on you for help. Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

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This was an original word search created by my 11 year old daughter. She asked me if she could make one for the newsletter, and I have yet to turn down a newsletter submission. With that in mind, please send me your pictures, articles, etc. If you have any questions on how to get them to me, please call me. Rick Miska Goldhunter@Ricksthings.com 303-404-2897 Leave a message.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

	Gold Prospectors of the Rockies	
CDD Events Colondar	Board meeting of March 15, 2006	
GPR Events Calendar		
Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show		
Holiday Inn – Denver Central	Roll call. Those in attendance:	
4849 Bannock St. (Retail & Wholesale)	Gary Hawley Hank Innerfeld Allen Mershon	
APRIL 21, 22, 23, 2006	Mike Barker Jeff Mosteller Joe Johnston	
(Fri. & Sat. 10-6 * Sun. 10-5)		
Free Admission & Free Parking	Donna Mosteller Kathy Hawley Joe Shubert	
ClearCreek History Park	Paul Nagy Terry Weatherly Sue Lemieux	
May 6 2006	Quorum present? Yes.	
9:00a 4:30p		
Opening Day	Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:25 by Gary Haw-	
Arvada Gold Strike Fest	ley.	
June 10, 11		
UNCONFERMED !!!	Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley.	
Central City	Treading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary namey.	
July 1, 2	Correctiona: Record to indicate that Terry Weatherly was present	
10:00 a to 4:30p	Corrections: Record to indicate that Terry Weatherly was present at the February Board meeting.	
Central City		
July 15, 16		
10:00 a to 4:30p	Approved as read/corrected? Yes.	
ClearCreek History Park	Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.	
July 29, 30 (30th not confermed as of yet)		
BB Days	Questions: None.	
9:00a 4:30p		
ClearCreek History Park	Accepted? Yes.	
Aug 19 & 20		
Arts Fair	Correspondence. Membership renewals and a couple returned	
9:00a 4:30p	newsletters.	
Central City	newsiellers.	
Sept. 2, 3	O	
10:00 a to 4:30p	Committee Reports: Read by Gary Hawley.	
Mother Load Rodeo		
Gilpin County	Unfinished Business:	
	Club trammel – Gary Hawley and/or Allen Mershon. Continue.	
Aug 26, 27	Volunteer Recognition – Jeff Mosteller. Continue.	
(times to be set later)	Calendars – Donna Mosteller. Continue.	
	Planned Outings – Sue Lemieux. Sue requests changing the	
Claims	outings to Saturday after the General Meeting. Discussion and	
	approval by vote.	
Hill Claims—"pay-dirt" in, or under a hill.	Jefferson County Open Space and CDOT - Jeff Mosteller. Con-	
	tinue.	
Flat Claims "nav dirt" found on flate	New Business: Allen Mershon is planning a "Speakers Form" that	
Flat Claims—"pay-dirt" found on flats.	will assist in announcing the guest speaker in the newsletter.	
Dench Oleime "new dist" from die open (abbed ab		
Bench Claims—"pay-dirt" found in narrow tableland on	Planned Outings: See GPR Events Calendar in The Gold Nug-	
hill-side, above a river.	get.	
	Announcements: Next board meeting April 19, 2006, at	
Gulch Claims—"pay-dirt" found in gullies destitute of	6:00 P.M.	
water during part of the year.	Next general meeting April 19, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.	
Bar Claims—gold in low collections of sand, or gravel, in		
rivers—exposed at low water.		
	Tonight's general meeting program: Joe Johnston reports on what	
River-bed Claims—gold in beds of rivers—access	is available in the Club Library.	
gained by turning river from its course.		
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Ancient River-bed Claims—gold found in beds of rivers		
now extinct.		
	Adjournment:Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 P.M.	

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2006 Newsletter Article Submission Deadlines

Please submit your newsletter articles to Rick Miska at :

Goldhunter@Ricksthings.com

January 4th February 6th March 3rd April 7th May 2nd June 4th July 4th August 4th September 8th October 6th November 3rd December 8th

Exceptions to these dates can only be made by Gary Hawley and/or Rick Miska.

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metal detector and go coin hunting with me! After all, that is what it's all about with us prospectors, what we have found or what we hope to find. We talk a lot about our "best find" or our "best day". Let me tell you about the best day I ever had prospecting. It was that sunny day in the fall of 2003...when Jerry Jones stopped by and found me!!

I will miss you, Jerry. All of us will miss you!

Joe Fortunato and All of your fellow prospectors March 18, 2006

More Claims

Sluice Claims—worked with sluices.

Hydraulic Claims—worked by hydraulic power.

Tunnel Claims—auriferous earth taken out of tunnels and subsequently washed.

Dry Diggings—earth excavated in summer and washed in winter, when water is plenty.

Dry Washing—fine soil blown away, leaving the gold.

Knife Claims—gold dug from crevices with knife, or spoon.



By Shirley Weilnau Q&A Coordinator

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Central City laid silver ingots in the street for which U.S. President to walk on?



Find of the Month

By Joe Johnston, Find of the Month/Year Coordinator

Best Bottle no entries

Best Jewelry no entries

Largest Raw Gold no entries

Most Raw Gold -Allen Mershon - Jar with shiny spots

Most Unique (Excavated) -Terry Weatherly - Token, Pinnacle Mine; Good for 1 Cap; VAFCO

Most Unique (Non-Excavated) no entries

Most Valuable U.S Coin - Joe Johnston - 1940-nickel

Oldest U.S. Coin -Joe Johnston - 1957-D wheat cent found in park

Congratulations to this months winners, be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find Of the Year (FOY) competition in December. Finds made from the end of the February meeting to the time of the March meeting are eligible for entry in the March FOM program. Bring your best finds, and we'll see you at the next meeting.

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From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to Leroy Lamgo, Joe Johnston and Hank Innerfeld for the members only drawing prizes.

We gave away the Special Nuggets at the March meeting. We had 3 different winners. We sold enough tickets to pay for the nuggets and a little left over to put toward more nuggets. Thanks to all for your participation and support. I will be making a trip to my gold supplier in the next few months and see what I can find for another Special Nugget.

A club member suggested we no longer post the winners of nuggets in the newsletter, thus names will no longer be published. We will still have winners sign and I will keep the sheet for the club records. At the April meeting we will give away **13.4 grams of gold** with 5 nuggets being **1.0 grams** or larger. The largest nugget will be **2.7 grams**.

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

Food for Thought

Hi to all. A big thank you goes to LeRoy Lamgo for the cookies -YUM. Michael and I will see everyone in April and we sure hope to see Hank Innerfield's Banana Bread. So, just remember - "When everything's coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane."

Jackie and Michael

2006 GPR Officers and Board Members

President	Gary Hawley
Vice-President	Jeff Mosteller
Treasurer	Kathy Hawley
2-Year Board Member	Hank Innerfled (elected 2005)
2-Year Board Member	Joe Johnston (elected 2005)
2-Year Board Member	Joe Shubert (elected 2006)
1-Year Board Member	Mike Barker
1-Year Board Member	Cindy Douthard
1-Year Board Member	Jim Intriglia
1-Year Board Member	Allen Mershon
1-Year Board Member	Donna Mosteller
1-Year Board Member	Paul Nagy
1-Year Board Member	

GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact

Jeff Mosteller (303) 202-9302 <> jefndona@comcast.net For additional information and photos, see http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/

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year were going to see some flooding and hopefully some new deposits showing up for recovery.

Be carefull the water is still cold, have a good time be safe.

Our next demo will be Opening Day for the Clear Creek History Park, Arapahoe Street and 11th in Golden Sat, May 6 2006 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Crowds are pretty light for that event. If you have not had a chance to visit the park please come out and look around it's a neat place to wander about in. We will be in our usual space about mid park on the south side right off 11 th st.

Welcome to all the new people who have joined up over the past few months, it's good to see a few more Dredgers comming in, if any of you have questions or concerns feel free to contact me or anybody on the Board, were here to help you get involved with the club. If you are having trouble meeting other folks in the club or feel as though your not fitting in as we (Donna and myself) did when we first joined come out to a demo it's a great place to get aquanted with others in the club. I will call for creek outings as often as I can this year and we have some real good field trips set up for this year so stay tuned to the newsletter for further developments. Be carefull out there and we'll see ya at the next meeting.

Jeff

April's Planned Event

Sue Lemieux

WHAT: An Afternoon at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry

WHEN: Saturday, April 29th

WHERE: Colorado Springs, Exit 156A, on I-25 S, North of Colorado Springs, (Gleneagle Drive)

MTG. TIME & PLACE: 11:30am, at the Museum, (For Lunch before the 1 pm Tour)

ADMISSION: Adult: \$7.00 (10% Disc. \$6.30 if 10+ People) Seniors: \$5.00 Children (3-12): \$3.00

Come and see the preserved history of mining in the American West. Wander through the building exhibits and outdoor displays of antique mining equipment.

There's a Scheduled Tour at 1pm, for our group, to gather more knowledge of how the past prospectors acquired their fortunes.

Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch - We have picnic tables reserved for our dining pleasure!

Note: If anyone would like to carpool from the Lakewood area, I have room for 3 people.

Any Questions: Call Sue Lemieux (413) 668-6008 Leave a Message

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MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

SPEEDAIRE COMPRESSOR FOR SALE

New Speedaire Compressor, 3PH-5HP, 80-gal tank, upright. Current model price is \$1,788; will sell now for \$950. Contact Rose Ann or Jon Knight, (303) 450-0580 or (303) 252-1759

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Shuttle Personal Transport System, 3-wheel mobility scooter, good condition, \$950. Contact Rose Ann or Jon Knight, (303) 450-0580 or (303) 252-1759

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Members of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies are welcome to submit their personal classified ads about items wanted or for sale. Please give this section a bit of your time and consideration. It is quite possible that you can see that you have a limitless space to give your entire constabulary and only then can you give of yourself. Dig?

For Sale - Goldmaster 3 Detector \$275

Goldmaster 3 gold detector with standard coil, new battery holder. Works great. Call me at (303) 404 2897 or e-mail me at goldhunter@ricksthings.com Sale Pending

What have you been doing?

Where did you prospect last summer? What did you find?

What kind of equipment do you use? How did you research your location?

Did you file any claims? What would you have done differently?

Did you take any pictures?

Answer all of these questions with an article about your prospecting related experiences from recent times. Please send it to : Goldhunter@ricksthings.com

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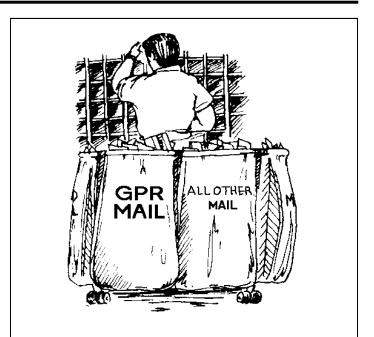
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Send in your comments, letters, articles, concerns, and suggestions for publication in this newsletter. Please try to keep the subject in line with things related to what our club is about. Articles should be submitted to Rick Miska at the meeting or goldhunter@ricksthings.com

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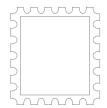
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