



The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President



It's only the beginning of August. Days are still hot but evenings and nights are cooler.

The runoff has slowed down and the streams are running clear again. It is a good time for working those areas you have been keeping an eye on.

I had an excellent time prospecting with new member **Mike Gresh** and his son Eric. Several members joined me to show Mike how to prospect in Colorado. Mike lives in Erie, Pennsylvania and came here specifically to search for gold. He did find some color and last I saw, he and his sons were heading for the gold fields, again. Thanks for a good day of prospecting Mike. Hope to see you on the stream again next year.

Jeff Mosteller has been keeping us busy with some very interesting panning demos. He will have an update on them at the meeting.

Jackie Barker, chairperson of the Membership Committee, is working hard to keep the membership information up-to-date. I appreciate the member's response to her letters. We all know the importance of being current with membership dues, correct mailing information and phone numbers.

Don Bray is leading the Hartsel Barite Field Trip on August 25. You will find important information about this trip elsewhere in this newsletter. Don will be telling us more about barite and the trip at our August meeting. Please plan to attend this one day outing.

Robert and Leanne Larson will now be in charge of refreshments. Thanks Robert and Leanne for taking on this much appreciated activity.

Our annual club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 at Tymcovich - 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. The club will supply paper plates and plastic ware, hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. Members are to bring a side dish of your choice. This can include desserts, also. We will also be able to prospect Clear Creek while we are there. Bring your pan and sluice...sorry, no motorized equipment.

VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings all,

Lots of things went on this past month. I want to start out with a little bit about 2 of our club members, Larry and Shirley Weilnu. As all of you probably know or at least you folks that have been around for a while one of the many things these two people do for the love of Prospecting is their involvement in the State Speed Panning Championships that are held in Breckenridge Colorado the first weekend in August. For those of you that haven't seen or been involved in this sport, this is the top of the art of Panning.

Every year people from all over Colorado and surrounding states come to compete in several forms of Gold Panning, some of which are Speed, who can get 8 large pickers to go to the bottom of a pan filled with fine sand, separated from the sand, put into a small vile, cap the vile and place said vile into a pan without loosing the cap or spilling the contents out. Skill Panning, taking a 2.5 gallon bucket full of sand that has a set amount of small gold pieces hidden inside of it.

The challenge is to find all the gold pieces in a set amount of time, again the faster the time the better you score. What makes things difficult is that they don't tell anybody how many pieces of gold are in each bucket. The averages in time are figured out and the top three people in both Mens and Womens receive Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals, these folks are considered State Champions. The bragging rights are great fun.

As usual Larry and Shirley will need to get out the wheel barrel to get their awards home. Shirley loves to teach people the art of Speed Panning and loves to show off her skills, if you have been around to see Shirley work you know you need a safety zone of 10 feet to keep from getting wet. In the last few years those of us who have been under the watchful eye of



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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.



From Prez on page 1

Kathy Hawley is searching for the "perfect nugget" for another "Special... Members only nugget drawing". I'm not sure when she will find it but I know she has a keen eye for nuggets.

Attention! Attention! The GPR cache has been found! The clues will be discussed and the location will be disclosed at the August 15 meeting. **Bill Duncanson** will present the cache to the lucky locator. Stay tuned for another cache to be announced soon!

I am planning a prospecting trip to Point Bar, below Salida, around late August and another trip to the Buena Vista/Cache Creek area early September. I will have signup sheets at the August 15 meeting if you would like to join me.

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



From Vice Prez on page 1

Shirley who has shared her secrets and talents with have been in competition at the championships. This year representing The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies besides Larry and Shirley who represent both the Gold Prospectors of Colorado (the Sponsors of the event) and the GPR were. Wayne and Diane McCarroll who started this year and as beginners did very well.

Arron Ingalls who took Bronze last year in Mens competition, placed Bronze again this year. (one more 3rd and you'll be a whole)

Larry Weilnau who took Gold last year took home Silver in Mens this year.

Donna Mosteller who took Bronze 2 years ago, I'm so proud to announce won GOLD this year and is the State Womans Panning Champion 2007.

With much fan fair and gratitude, thanks to the both of you. Without Larry and Shirley's help none of this would have been possible, you are the greatest.

The special Demo Garry arranged out at the Air Force Academy was great they provided us with a fine big canopy and the use of their tables so we had a small set up and had around 300 service men, women and their children visit our booth.

We had a marvelous day at Buffalo Bill Days last week weather was good we didn't get rained on and didn't loose any equipment to the weather. Well as for me, it's back to the search for the Cache.

Be careful out there, Jeff

From the Ledger
of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

I want to thank Leroy Lamgo and Hank Innerfeld for donations to the Member's Only drawings.

We will give away a total of **11 grams of gold** at the August meeting. **3** nuggets will be **1 gram or over**, with the largest being **2.4 grams**.

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

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/>

Question of the Month

What is the Indian name for **The Spanish Peaks** of Colorado and what does it mean?

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 gold-hunter@ricksthings.com

Hartsel: Barite Field Trip

Leader: Don Bray, 303-681-3646, dbray-larkspur@att.net

Date & time: August 25, 9 AM

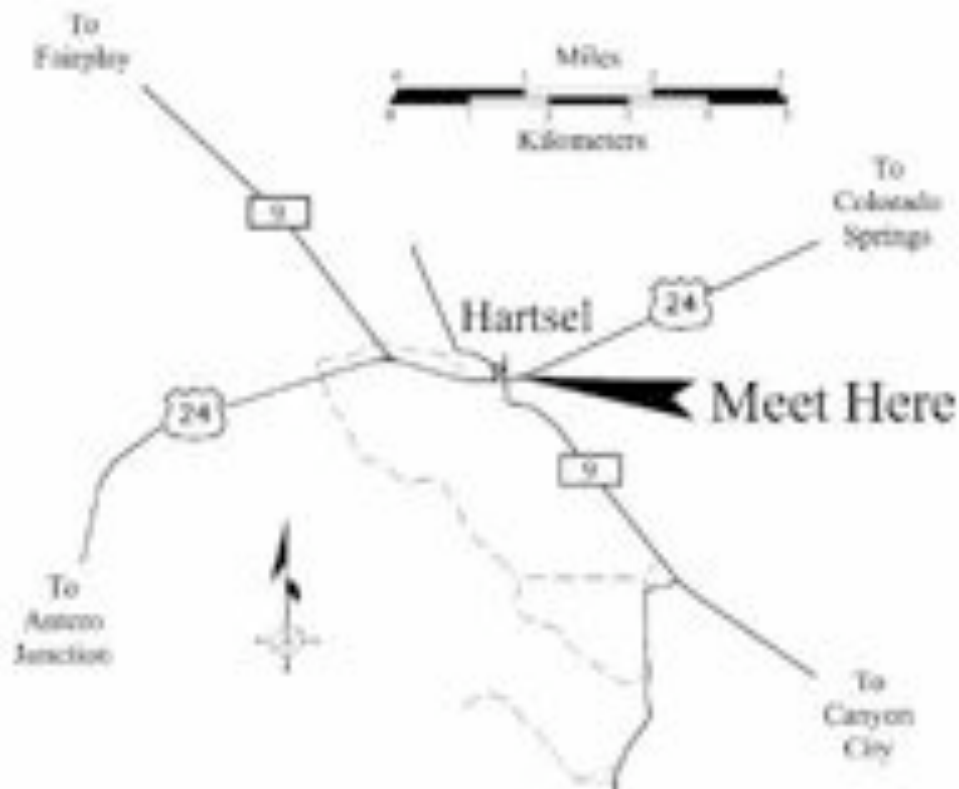
Meeting place: Yellow rock shop next to big red barn at west end of Hartsel. We will park in front of the rock shop and barn. We will then caravan to the site, which is on private property.

Directions: Take U.S. Highway 285 to Fairplay; turn left on Colorado Highway 9 just south of town. Go 16 miles to junction with U.S. Highway 24. Turn left at junction and go 1.0 mile to Hartsel.

What to collect: Blue barite in red shale outcrops.

Tools needed: Rock hammer, thin screwdriver, shovel, screen and pry bar or pick.

Miscellaneous: No facilities in the area. Bring plenty of water, food, hat, and sunscreen. Four-wheel drive vehicle not required.



The Orphan Boy by Court Young, transcribed by Paul Nagy

"I could write a book," we have all said, usually with a wistful tone. To which Court Young would reply "Yes, you can! And should! I have!"

While Court was growing up, his father, Herbert T. Young, owned and operated the Orphan Boy mine, east of Keystone and 70 miles west of Denver in the Montezuma mining district. A small lead-silver operation at an elevation over twelve thousand feet, it provided a seasonal income for the Young family. Such small, family-run mines were much more common a generation ago, before today's lengthy and expensive, but perhaps necessary, environmental and safety regulations. Herbert Young opened the mine after World War II and his son worked there when he could during high school and college years and beyond. What seemed normal and prosaic then has now passed to history and in fact has become unique in time. And that is the point. All of history is ordinary in the present and only gains interest in the past. You should write a book of your life with every confidence that it will be a valuable chronicle for the generations to come.

Court's greatest inspiration was the scenic vista at the mine site itself. A boy sitting alone on a slope in the beauty of the Rockies could be moved beyond the rigors of adolescence. As well, working underground with his father in the mine provided a bonding experience hard to duplicate today when families are often fragmented into self-absorbed pieces.

With today's desktop publishing you can write that book in you. First, you will save and share family stories and history. Second, you owe your successors a chance to know you, as you have known those who preceded you. Last, you, whether you perceive it or not, are living through a historical event which needs to be documented and can only be documented by you. It is not simply a duty to others, though. You will find it emotionally satisfying to write of your experiences...and your relationships. You will better understand the world you live in and have lived in, and you will begin even to understand that stranger in the mirror.

GPR General Meeting Notes

Clements Center, Lakewood, CO 18 July 2007

Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

- 7:09 President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 7:11 Prez reminds that the club has a group membership to the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colo Spgs (Air Force Academy north exit on I-25). Show your badge and you're in. Also, Jackie Barker has taken over the membership chair. Thanks to MaryAnn McCrae for her service. A review of the conditions of membership.
- 7:18 Membership report by Jackie Barker.
- 7:21 Vice President's report by Jeff Mosteller. Upcoming demos (see schedule in this issue). Jeffco Open Space Commission is publishing the latest regs for Clear Creek. Pay attention to the club's code of conduct when placering there. Also, Jeff's adventures in the search for the hidden cache...A lucky strike! Oops, wrong cache.
- 7:30 Bill Duncanson gives clue #6 for the hidden cache.
- 7:34 Shirley Weilnau asks the question of the month. Later, the correct answer and awards to winners.
- 7:35 Events Coordinator, Sue Lemieux announces planned outings including a barite hunt.
- 7:36 Joe Johnston offers a "what is it" contest. Later the answer and prizes to winners.
- 7:39 Prez Hawley announces a planned trip to a barite locality near Hartsel, CO. Thanks to Don Bray.
- 7:43 A call for someone to take over the Refreshment Committee. Yes! Volunteers! Robert and Leanne Larson will take over this valued function! This is what makes the club work.
- 7:44 Introduction of new members Les Smith and David Vitah and family. Welcome aboard! Also guests Carly Anderson, Omar Duwaik, and John Wilson.
- 7:45 Recess.
- 8:01 Prez Hawley suggests the B & B at the Last Chance Mine in Creede, CO.
- 8:02 Allen Mershon introduces the evening's speaker, Court Young, geologist, teacher and author, and "The Orphan Boy" mine.
- 8:27 Joe Johnston and the finds of the month.
- 8:30 Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.

The Gold Nugget

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Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

Board meeting of July 18, 2007

Roll call. Those in attendance:

x	Gary Hawley	x	Rob Deschambault	x	Allen Mershon	x	Mike Barker
x	Jeff Mosteller	x	Joe Johnston	x	Paul Nagy	x	Donna Mosteller
x	Kathy Hawley		Joe Shubert	x	Sue Lemieux		Terry Weatherly
						x	Aaron Ingalls

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:23 by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley

Corrections: None. Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Letter from Home Front Heroes (Arvada) thanking GPR and Jeff Mosteller for involvement with the rondevous.

Committee Reports: Web Master reports over 72,400 hits since January 1996.

Unfinished Business: Club cookbook – revisit this project later this year.

Jeff Mosteller – Power Point Program. *Under development.*

New Business: Jackie Barker is now Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Gary Hawley – Information on Jefferson County rules

Gary Hawley – Discussion on membership.

Planned Outings: July 21 & 22 – Tommy Knocker Days in Idaho Springs.
 July 28 – Buffalo Bill Days in Golden.
 August 3 – Air Force Academy panning demo.
 August 18 & 19 – Clear Creek History Park – Art Fair
 August 25 – Barite hunt at Hartsel.
 September 1 & 2 – Central City panning demo.
 September 8 – Club picnic @ Tymkovivh.

Announcements: Next board meeting August 15, 2007, at 6:00 P.M.
 Next general meeting August 15, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Cort Young tells of his experience with the Orphan Boy mine.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

My Visit to the Gold Prospectors of Colorado Meeting

Rick Miska - Newsletter Editor

I now have an office in Colorado Springs for my job. I am down there every Wednesday now. I had heard from members of our club that the **Gold Prospectors of Colorado** meet at the Elks Lodge on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, so I decided to pay a visit this week.

On the way there, I stopped at the local Salvation Army thrift store (yes Mr Shubert, I found another great store). I am always hunting for old radios, records, historical stuff, antiques, and general crap. I just don't have enough of that stuff. Well, I should have just went straight to the meeting because I bought a bar and a large radio. I had my car packed to the hilt!!!!

So, after loading up the car, I headed for the meeting. It was not too hard to find. Parking is in the rear. I think you can get to the lot from the road by driving west on the south side of the building. Larry and Shirley will correct me if I am wrong here. If you miss the turn, you can go the the next street, turn west, and go back towards the lodge and park behind. I ended up being 10 minutes late.

The meeting was already fully in progress. I walked around to see how they set things up, and they were very similar to our club. They bought donuts, which arrived right after I did. And yes Jackie, I was a good boy and only ate one. I looked around the room to see who I knew. I expected to see Larry and Shirley there, but as it turns out, they were still in the hills.

I did see Don Bray (see his info in this newsletter regarding the Hartsel trip). They had the prize drawings in the middle of the meeting after-break. I had spent all my money at the Salvation Army, and was in such a hurry to get to the meeting, I forgot to stop at the ATM to get money for prize tickets. Don, saw this, and gave me three of his tickets. I didn't win, but it was really nice of him. Its people like him that make all of this fun. Don ended up winning a really nice nugget. Hopefully he will bring it to our meeting.

I also decided to locate their newsletter editor. I am completely spacing his name at the moment, but will provide that next month in this article. He was a really nice guy. We talked for several minutes. It turns out he has the same problems I do. We both need more articles submitted each month. Somebody is always late with their article. We decided to share articles with each other to help each other out. I have a great one from him for next month.

Their speaker cancelled at the last minute. I remember that happening in our club a few times too. They put on a GPAA video for all to watch. I had seen that one already, and had a 100 mile drive home, so , I left early to work on this newsletter.

All in all, they are a great club, just like we are. Please take the time to check them out if you are down in Colorado Springs in the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Gold Propsectors of Colorado P.O. Box 1593 Colorado Springs, Co. 80901 Meetings: 2nd Wed of the month at the Elks Lodge 3400 N. Nevada Ave. Colo. Spgs. at 7:00 p.m. Memberships: Individual \$20.00 Family \$25.00 Write to the above address for a membership application. Or contact Hooked on Gold at hookedongold@msn.com and we will forward the information

Website: <http://www.hookedongold.clicksitebuilder.com/new263863.html>

Have a great rest of the Month. Rick

Newsletter Editor Needs Help

- I would like to hand over the newsletter editor job by the end of this year. Over the last 12 years, I think I have done it for five of them. I would like to see somebody with fresh ideas take it on. I will help that person in any way they needed, and would continue to do a monthly article.
- In the meantime, I really would like to see more articles submitted from club members. Write about your trip this summer. Write about a museum you went to. Write about a town in the hills you went thru or stayed at.
- If you are interested in helping in any way, please write me at:

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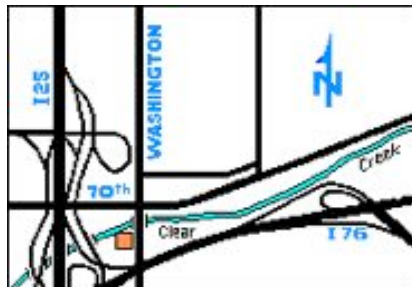
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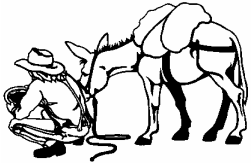
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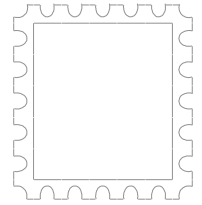
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