

# THE GOLD NUGGET

## The Prez Sez by, Gary Hawley



I thought the weather was warm last month. What a change...to hotter, yet! I experienced thunder, lightening, rain and hail while in Buena Vista after the Cache Creek outing.

All rivers and streams that I came upon between Denver and Buena Vista were running high and swift. I noticed a rafting stop near Granite that had a "notice" sign indicating that rafting was not recommended in that area when the Arkansas was running more than 2200 cfs. That day the river was running 3350 cfs. I also noticed the Cache Creek stream, near the parking lot, rose as the day went along. Be careful out there!

At our June meeting, Beth Simmons gave an excellent presentation of the Roscoe placer operation and the Humphrey's Gold Operation that occurred on Clear Creek in the 1800's. Now we are better informed for prospecting in that area and should be able to get more gold.

The Hidee Mine tour was well attended by club members. The historical information about the Hidee and surrounding mines was interesting. The underground tour allowed participants to "single jack" their own samples of gold. Thanks to **Sue Lemieux** for making the arrangements for this outing.

There were a lot of people at Cache Creek for the outing. Information and techniques were exchanged and new friendships formed. Gold was found by everyone that I talked to and I heard that someone found a nugget! Thanks to **Henry Chambless** for ramroding this outing.

**Don Bray** arranged for a very interesting tour to the Sedalia Copper Mine a few miles out of Salida. There was a nice representation of GPR members at this tour and everyone found many mineral samples, which Don helped identify. Thanks to Don for arranging access to this private property location.

At our July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, I will have information for a tour of the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company planned for Friday, August 15, 2008. They offer a 10:00 a.m. and a 1:00 p.m. tour. Each tour is limited to 13 people and the cost is \$5.00 per person (payable at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and non-refundable). This will be a bus tour to the bottom of the open pit mine that once produced the famous "vug". Unless someone has found the GPR cache, **Jeff Mosteller** will have another clue at the meeting.

**Kathy Hawley's** article will have information about the nuggets for the drawings. She still plans to give away the 18.5 gram nugget by Christmas.

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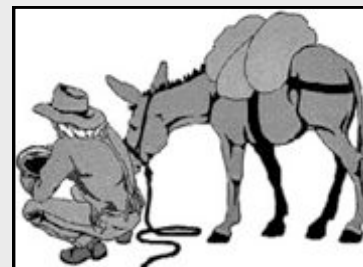
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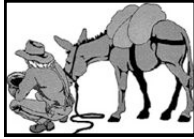
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Dick will be happy to review any comments or suggestions that you may have.



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**Board Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2008**

**JOIN US  
ON THE THIRD  
WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

Lloyd G. Clements  
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1580 Yarrow Street  
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Wadsworth; then  
one block north of  
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6 PM Board Mtg.  
7 PM Club Mtg.

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Jeff Mosteller  
Andy Doll  
Henry Chambless



**Program  
Schedule**

for the

**June 2008 Meeting**

**Carl M. Jensen  
Consulting Chemist  
Owner  
Jensen Technologies  
LLC**

**Fire Assay for Mining**

**Gold Prospectors of the  
Rockies**

Yes

**Roll call**

Those in attendance:

Gary Hawley  
Allen Mershon  
Kathy Hawley  
Rob Deschambault  
Joe Johnston  
Joe Shubert  
Paul Nagy  
Sue Lemieux  
Aaron Ingalls  
Mike Barker  
Jeff Mosteller  
Andy Doll  
Henry Chambless

**Quorum present?**

Yes

**Call to order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 by: Gary Hawley

**Introduce visitor:**

Jim Long

**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?**

**Committee Reports:**

Web master indicates we have had more than 82,850 website hits since January, 1996.

**Unfinished Business:**

Coin Hunt - August 23. Joe Johnston, Henry Chambless, Gary Hawley. Are we on track? Location is still undetermined. Several unanswered questions remain.

Club trailer sales - Gary Hawley. Still in the works.

Membership cards - Open for discussion. Gary will check on styles.

**New Business:**

There was a discussion about drawing for coins pursuant to outing attendance. A motion was made, discussed and voted on to not have drawings for coins pursuant to outing attendance. Motion was carried by vast majority of directors present.

**Planned Outings:**

June 21 - Hyde Mine tour - Sue Lemieux

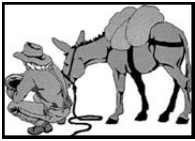
June 28 & 29 - Cache Creek outing - Henry Chambless

June 29 - Copper mine tour - Don Bray

August 23 - Coin hunt / prospecting outing

**Announcements:**

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**General Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2008**

*Paul Nagy,  
General Meeting Recorder*

7:04 Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:05 Tonight the meeting will extend to 9:30. Metal prices.

7:06 Member Matt Schreiner has graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with the degree of Engineer of Mines. Congrats to Matt! First job is shaft-sinking at the historic Bingham Canyon Mine in Utah. Good Luck!

7:07 Introduction of the evening's speaker Beth Simmons and "The Roscoe Placer."

8:00 Membership report by Jackie Barker. Two new members: Frank Stepanich and Mike Walker. Welcome aboard! Three visitors: Glenn Glass, Walt Nowakowski, and Joe Seminario. Come back and sign up!

8:03 Sue Lemieux and the Hidee Mine Tour.

8:04 Don Bray and the Sedalia Copper Mine Tour.

8:08 Henry Chambless and the Cache Creek outing.

8:10 BLM details for camping and placering at Cache Creek.

8:13 Jeff Mosteller and the clue for the hidden cache.

8:15 Gary Hawley announces an 18.5 gram nugget for the members only

special drawing. Also, possible tours to the Cresson Mine in Cripple Creek and the Glory Hole Mine in Central City.

8:21 Recess.

8:42 Question of the month by Ian Duncanson. Later the answer and prize ticket awards.

8:43 Cache Creek regulations including max 5 h.p. motor size and 1.5" intake.

8:52 Joe Johnston and the finds of the month.

8:53 Prize drawings, then adjourn.

**The Roscoe Placer,  
Jefferson County,  
Colorado**

*By,  
Beth Simmons*

We all knew that the club's favorite placer grounds in Clear Creek

Canyon had some history as a commercial venture, but little did we realize the extent of past operations there! Beth Simmons, historian and faculty member at U.C. Denver, and assisted by Katherine Honda, has researched the sources including the voluminous works of legendary geologist Arthur Lakes and come up with a story which gives a new meaning to every drive up Clear Creek Canyon.

In 1895, a group of Denver capitalists surmised that the millions of ounces of gold mined in the Central City area must have some representation in the deep gravels of Clear Creek Canyon. They, augmented with European capital, initiated a program to recover that gold.

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**"The Question of the Month"**

*By, Ian & Susan Duncanson*

Today the Newhouse Tunnel in Idaho Springs is known as...?

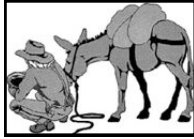
**From the Ledger of, Kathy Hawley  
Treasurer / Secretary**

I want to thank Bill Carr, Leroy Lamgo, Jim Long and Allen Mershon for their donations for the Members Only drawing.

We will give away 10 nuggets at the July meeting, with the largest being 1.7 grams.

We will continue to sell tickets for a "Special Nugget" at the July meeting. The Australian nugget weighs 18.5 grams. Tickets will be sold to members only. If you haven't seen the nugget, stop by the table to see this beauty.

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



**Planning  
Calendar 2008**

**JULY**

16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**AUGUST**

15<sup>th</sup> Cripple Creek  
& Victor Mine tour

20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> Coin Hunt

**SEPTEMBER**

17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic

**OCTOBER**

15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> Elections

**DECEMBER**

17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Potluck Dinner

**2009**

**JANUARY**

21<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**MARCH**

18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**APRIL**

15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**MAY**

20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**JUNE**

17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**Prez**

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Our speaker this month will be **Carl M. Jensen**. Carl is owner of Jensen Technologies LLC in Golden, Colorado. Club member **Lee Swink** recently introduced me to Carl and our conversation led to the topic of fire assay and the question "how much gold is there in the black sand?" Carl and Lee did a fire assay on my collection of black sand and they will give the results at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carl will also explain how you can determine the value of your black sand collection. You may be surprised!

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

**Roscoe**

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The project was known as the Roscoe Placer, although it has not yet been discovered who or what "Roscoe" was. Among the efforts involved was a 2500' flume diverting all of Clear Creek around the workings. Remnants of that flume are visible today. The railroad up the canyon was moved again and again for mining access. Devices were employed such as the boulder elevator which, using water pressure, could lift boulders up to 11 tons out of the creek bed. A small town was built just to

house the workmen for the project. All of this was shown to us in slides made from early photographs and above all by the breath-taking draftsmanship of Arthur Lakes. With computer simulation Ms. Simmons was able to superimpose or otherwise combine old data with recent photographs in stunning displays of "then and now."

The main target of the project was the deep gravel just above the bedrock. Indeed, the nearly vertically tilted layers of meta-sediment which form the bedrock surface made natural riffles which may have been lucrative. Alas, there are no financial records of the Roscoe Placer and so we did not find out if the project was a success. But in any case each time we drive past Roscoe Rock our imaginations will take us back past the current tranquility to the days of big time placer mining.

But the story did not end with the Roscoe Placer. About forty years later, in the depths of depression days, there was renewed interest in Clear Creek placering. Upstream of the Roscoe Placer were new developments known as the Humphreys Placer. This time there was the use of steam power. Dredging failed because the boulders were too big. Underground placering is always extremely danger-

ous, but that is one thing they also did--big time. They were aided by a new invention--the magnetometer, developed by Dart Wantland, which could locate black sands at depth. There is some indication that the project was a success. The yield for at least part of the job was reported at \$0.61 per cubic yard. Workmen's pay was eight dollars for a ten hour shift and one dollar and thirty-five cents covered room and board. Those employed were probably very happy to get the work.

Our thanks to Beth Simmons and Kathy Honda for an elucidating and memorable story of history in our midst.

**Board**

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Next board meeting July 16, 2008, at 6:00 PM.

Next general meeting July 16, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

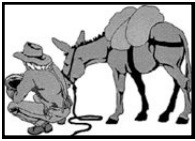
Newsletter articles due July 2, 2008

**Tonight's general meeting program:**

Beth Simmons speaking on the Roscoe operation and its aftermath - the Humphrey's Gold Operation.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 PM.



### Find of the Month June, 2008

Joe Johnston,  
Finds Program Coordinator

#### Best Bottle

Joe DeHerrera - Bi-centennial Pepsi bottle

#### Best Jewelry

Joe DeHerrera - Sterling Silver Pegasus

#### Largest Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Lake County, 7 pickers (0.3g)

#### Most Raw Gold

Joe Fortunato - Lake county gold flakes (3.1g)

#### Most Valuable U.S. Coin

Joe Johnston - 1878-CC Liberty (Morgan) dollar (G4 - \$100.00)

#### Oldest Coin

Joe DeHerrera - 1897 Indian cent

#### Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Joe DeHerrera - 14K gold chain w/porcelain bell

#### Most Unique (Excavated)

Joe Johnston - St. Vincent Infirmary - Little Rock, Ark - parking check & U.S. Yale padlock (c:1940's - 1950's)

Wow, Wow, and Wow! The entries are starting to roll in, and boy are they good finds. **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.**

**NOTE:** Finds made from the end of the June meeting to the time of the July

meeting are eligible for entry in the July FOM program. Keep those finds handy and bring them then. Don't forget to bring your bottles, jewelry, coins, gold or other finds. Remember those entries get you drawing tickets and those tickets WIN! **Note: With prospecting season is upon us be sure to bring a second IDENTICAL container with your gold sample entries for weigh in comparison. We will weigh the container with the gold and subtract the weight of the gold to determine the weight of the sample, so have an IDENTICAL container filled with the same liquid for comparison weigh in.**

Each member is allowed **one entry per category** each month. Additional finds may be displayed as 'show & tell' items.

Please note: the find of the month entries will close at the start of the meeting.

#### From the Editor

Please remember all article submissions from members, guests and speakers are due to the editor by the first Wednesday of the month to appear in the coming issue of The Gold Nugget. If you have any questions, please contact the editor or the GPR president.

### Out and About

By,  
Henry Chambless,  
Outings Coordinator

There was a terrific turnout at Cache Creek July 28 & 29. Many GPR members were there along with other prospectors including one from Missouri. Someone made a head count at one point on Saturday and said they had counted 33 prospecting participants. We had additional members that were able to make it up on Sunday, and it seems that everyone was getting color in their cleanup. We also learned that BLM does pass through this site and is viewing the users with a kind eye in noting that we all are working together to keep the facility clean and free of congestion problems.

Joe Johnston, our club Find of the Month coordinator will be looking forward to lots of gold entries in July. Don't forget spare sets of batteries for the gold scale Joe, you may just need them!

While plans for an outing in July are still in the works, keep a weekend open for the weekend of either the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> and I will pass out information and you can signup at the next meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>,

### Your Write (Instructions)

GPR members, guests and visitors are welcome to submit articles of interest, topic ideas and even creative artwork for consideration to appear in the GPR monthly newsletter.

Submit your article and / or your artwork (*pictures, illustrations and text*) by the close of business 5 PM the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month for appearance in the coming issue(s) of: The Gold Nugget.

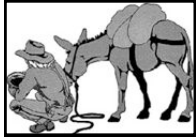
*(All submissions are subject to approval and editing by the GPR Board President and the Editor).*

### PLEASE Respond

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Carl Jensen—Fire Assay for Mining

## Speaker for July 16

### “What have you been doing?”

Where did you prospect last summer?

What did you find?

What kind of equipment did/do you use?

How did/do you research your location?

Did you file any claims?

What would you have done/do differently?

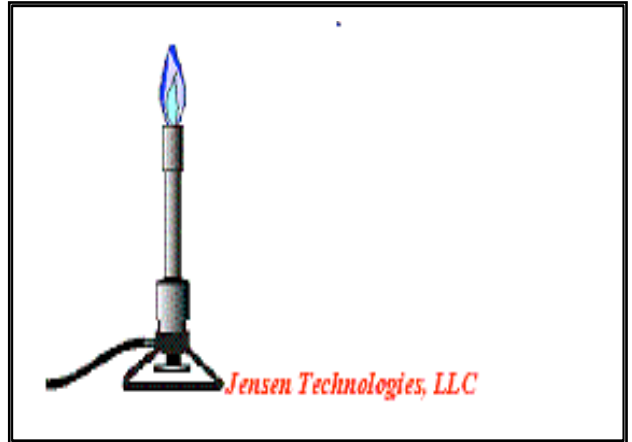
Did you take any pictures?

Answer any or all of these questions in an article about your prospecting experiences from recent times and sent it to:

**PLEASE Respond**

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Editor

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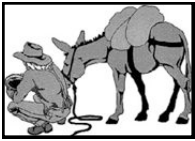
**Carl M. Jensen  
Owner**

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**Fire Assay  
Torch (Fire) Assay)  
ED-XRF**

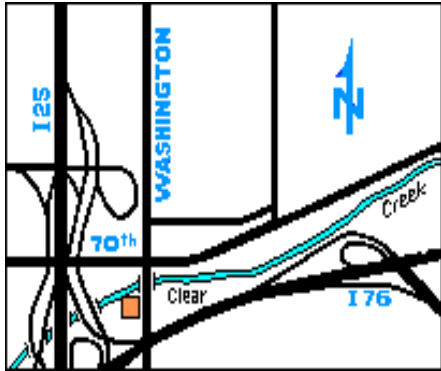
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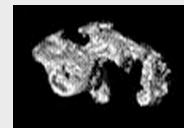
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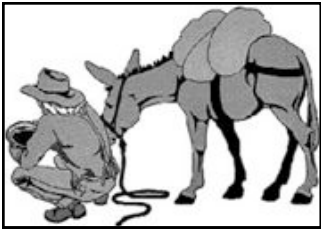
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Keith Hawley, [daotter@msn.com](mailto:daotter@msn.com)

## For Sale

Proline 3” Highbanker/Dredge Combo 4HP Honda motor with 175 GPM pump. Complete unit with extras, tools, all hoses and everything shipped from the dealer. Has less than 100 total hours in the water. We paid \$1,400 new. New models are selling for \$2,600. Asking \$1,000 cash (firm). (This is the same machine we were displaying at the panning demos). Call Jeff Mosteller at 303.202.9302.



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**Coming Announcements and Special Events August 2008**

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