

# THE GOLD NUGGET

## The Prez Sez by, Aaron Ingalls

Where's all the snow??? As of last month there had only been 16" so far and our seasonal average is 61 or 62". But on that note, we can get out in the creeks while the water is still down. But if you do go, make sure you're safe. The water can come up fast. Also dress accordingly for the very cold water and the weather.

We still need a volunteer to take over the Refreshment Table. If we don't get someone to take it over by the April meeting we will no longer have it.

We also need some volunteers to help set up and take down for the booth we will be having at the GPAA Gold and Mineral Show in May.

Rob Deschambault has worked hard to get fliers out to local businesses and to make business cards for club members to hand out. Thank you Rob!

I have set up a very interesting speaker for our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. His name is Jonas Lanes and he is with the Colorado Historic Preservation Inc. He will be talking about some old abandoned mines and ghost towns. He and his colleagues help preserve Colorado's history.

UPCOMING OUTING!!! The Gold Prospectors of Colorado have invited us again this year for their Point Barr/Woodys Claim outing. It is over Mothers Day weekend and we will have more information coming as it gets closer.

See you all on the 18<sup>th</sup>!!

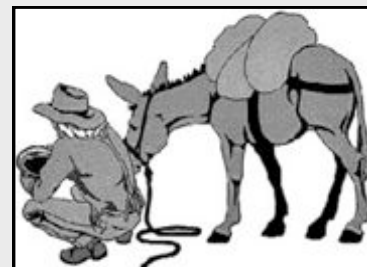
### GPOR Website

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



[prospector@phantomranch.net](mailto:prospector@phantomranch.net)

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



### GPR Visit to NREL Golden, Colorado

*(National Renewable  
Energy Laboratory)*

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, a small group of members met at the Visitors Center, to partake in a self-guided tour. The Visitors Center showcases technologies that can save energy, improve the environment and lower the cost of energy bills. The building itself, takes advantage of the sun, for heating and lighting.

First, we browsed around several outdoor exhibits that demonstrated the sun's power, as well as energy-conserving strategies for your home. We then made our way inside the Visitors Center. We viewed a 15 minute movie presentation.

After the movie, we took our self-guided tour through the interactive exhibit hall and learned about energy from the sun, wind, biomass and other sources of renewable energy.

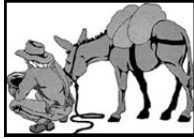
There will be another chance for you to attend a public Open House on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, for those that may be interested.

It was an enlightening experience!

Sluicin' Sue

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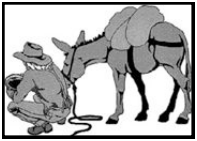
Board Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2009

JOIN US ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
Lloyd G. Clements Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street Lakewood, CO.
(One block west of Wadsworth; then one block north of Colfax)
6 PM Board Mtg.
7 PM Club Mtg.
INFORMATION
Contact the GPR President
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- Gold Prospectors of the Rockies
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President: Aaron Ingalls
Vice President: Allen Mershon
Secretary / Treasurer: Robert Larson
2 Year Board Members: Robert Deshambault (Elected 2009), Joe Johnson (Elected 2009), Joe Shubert (Elected 2008)
1 Year Board Members: Sue Lemieux, James Long, Jon Weir, Leanne Larson, Terry Weatherly, Joe Fortunato
Immediate Past President: Gary Hawley (New Position)

Roll Call Those in card
Attendance
Aaron Ingalls
Allen Mershon
Robert Larson
Joe Johnson
Rob Deschambault
Joe Shubert
Sue Lemieux
John Weir
Leanne Larson
Terry Weatherly
Joe Fortunato
Gary Hawley
Quorum Present? yes
Call to Order 6:12
Reading approval of minutes yes
Corrections: NONE
Approved as read/corrected? YES
Treasurer's Report
Still in the black, Membership dues are going in. For membership not paid newsletters to discontinue immediately.
Questions NO
Accepted? YES
Correspondence
Aaron Received letter from Highlands Ranch looking for Gold panning demonstrators for Labor Day weekend. Dress in period costumes, Demo only, Highlands Ranch will provide all materials and set ups
\$150.00 to club for services. Looking for volunteers for Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
Committee Reports:
Sue L. - Tour of School of Mines Geology Museum planned for March 21. Sign up sheet available May 16th Renuable energy Center - tour.
Rob D Brochures to local business, made business cards for members to hand out, available a meeting. Need to add website to

Joe S, membership list needs update.
Joe Johnson, Cache Creek outing being planned. Is there interest in Detecting outing?
Gary H. - Information from Jim Long: Application sent to GPAA show, should be good to go. 4-5 people needed for Friday set up & Sunday tear down. If we want to present a nugget drawing, club will need to pay \$150.00 free. Will have brochures to hand out.
Potential for panning in dredge piles in Fairplay. Maybe lease some of property. Would need a manager Need to form committee to see if Fairplay would be a good place.
Alan M. suggests contract with owner, who should get 1/2 of all gold detected. Responsibility of liability needs to say with land owner, Club to have right of access only, Like O'Neal does. Local access with drop box at site? Club needs to find a way to get limited access so that members can go without extra fees, to use as a membership growth effort
Unfinished Business:
Sale of club trailer
New newsletter editor
Refreshment committee may have to do without refreshments until someone steps forward soon.
New Business:
Sue L. No Rocks for store yet. Bob Couper-School of mines, Edger Experimental Mine Tour in planning.
Planned Outings:
Gold Detecting in April? Joe Johnson
Announcements
Tonight's General Meeting Program: Video
Adjournment: 6:52



General Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2009

Aaron Ingalls called the meeting to order
Sue Lemieux led the Pledge of Allegiance
Prices: gold - \$967 to \$983
Silver - \$434
Platinum - \$1099
Treasurer says we're still in the black. Memberships were due Jan 1st

1 new member, Welcome Glen Glass
3 visitors: Sara Lindsey, Mike Hurado, Kevin Genuchi

Announcements

Rob Deschambault: Business cards to be handed out during break. Flyers are being placed in businesses. Members are encouraged to give the cards to family and friends to increase membership.

Sue Lemieux: Tour of National Renewable Energy Management was a success. Another tour is planned for May 16th. Look for sign ups.

March 21, 9:30 am, Colorado School of Mines Museum tour with Bruce Geller. Sign up sheet coming. Mining Artifacts, gemstones, world minerals and fossils will be on display.

Gary Hawley presented an article re-printed in Rocky Mt News Nov 10, 1972 original date. "1st Woman to walk in the tunnel". Female engineer was finally allowed to tour Eisenhower tunnel she worked on.

Hank Innerfeld is presenting a Dowsing Class next week.

Aaron: Colorado Springs Club has spring outing planned for Mother's Day weekend on the Arkansas River & Point Barr. May 9-10th. We're invited

again.
Volunteers are needed for Newsletter and Refreshments. If we do not get volunteers soon we will have to do without. After March no more newsletters unless someone steps forward.

Highland Ranch Cultural Affairs looking for some people to demo panning on Labor Day weekend, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. EVERYTHING will be provided and set up will be done by them. Need to dress in period costumes. Stipend of \$150.00 to club. Contact Aaron to sign up.

GPAA Show: we've been invited to have a booth free if we assist with setup and take-down of GPAA equipment. Need people for Friday setup and Sunday take down at Coliseum? We also need volunteers to man our booth where we will be handing out brochures.

Joe Johnson is planning a Gold Detecting outing in April, watch for more info.

Aaron is planning a Cache Creek outing in August.

Show and Tell:

Aaron found mining lamp. Daniel brought a 50 caliber Spenser, beautiful rifle, knife sharpener Aztec Axe Money and 1826 Book

Idaho Springs is celebrating 150 years of gold mining. They are looking for panning demonstrators. GPR cannot accommodate them at this time.

Ian Duncanson brought a lovely carrot cake to celebrate his sister, Jackie's birthday.

Next Month Colorado Historic Preservation Association.

This Month: Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps Video.

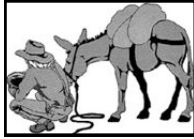
Break

Video Presentation of Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps Chaffee County, Mary Murphy mine most successful in region. Many theories on name. 1000' deep sold for 10 million. Was sold in 1880 for 80 thousand. Chalk Creek being investigated for re-opening. Forest City had it's name changed to St. Elmo as there were several other Forest City's in Colorado. Population 2000 and was used as a railhead as late as 1926. Private property now and restored as an Historical Site. New town, Red Town, every building was painted red. Railhead to Gunnison, name changed to Romley. All gone, just a few remnants of tram system left. Hancock Ghost town 1880 never incorporated 5 stores 7 hotels and the railway. Alpine Tunnel was the first functioning railroad tunnel through the Great Divide, worked for 30 years. In 1882 there was an accident at the mouth of the tunnel when the engineer lost control of the engine. Several people hurt. It was 11' high and 14' wide and 770 feet long. Its last cave-in it sealed the tunnel and it can only be accessed today by a long hike. 1st Survey for the Alpine Tunnel 1891, 500 feet under the Pass 11,000 feet above sea level. Tickets were \$12 for a 3 hour trip, in good weather

Drawings

Aaron: next meeting March 18th 7pm. Be Careful out there.

"The Question of the Month"
By, Ian & Susan Duncanson
In 1908 a group of miners, unhappy with the tarnished copper dome on the state capital, donated how many ounces of gold to cover the copper?



Sue's Sluice Box

Planning Calendar 2009

MARCH

- 18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> CSM Geology Museum Tour

APRIL

- 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> School of Mines Tour

MAY

- 20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Let's Go Gold Panning
- 16<sup>th</sup> NREL Tour

JUNE

- 17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

JULY

- 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

AUGUST

- 19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Highlands Ranch Demo

OCTOBER

- 21<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

DECEMBER

- 16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

2010

JANUARY

- 20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum Tour

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Meeting Time: **9:30am** (Tour starts at 10:00am Sharp)

Where: Corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Maple Street, Golden, CO

Cost: **FREE**

Enjoy a two hour tour of the CSM Geology Museum.

Our tour guide will be Bruce Geller, Geology Museum Director.

Bruce promises to give our group a "special tour".

If anyone has not visited this museum, you are in for a treat.

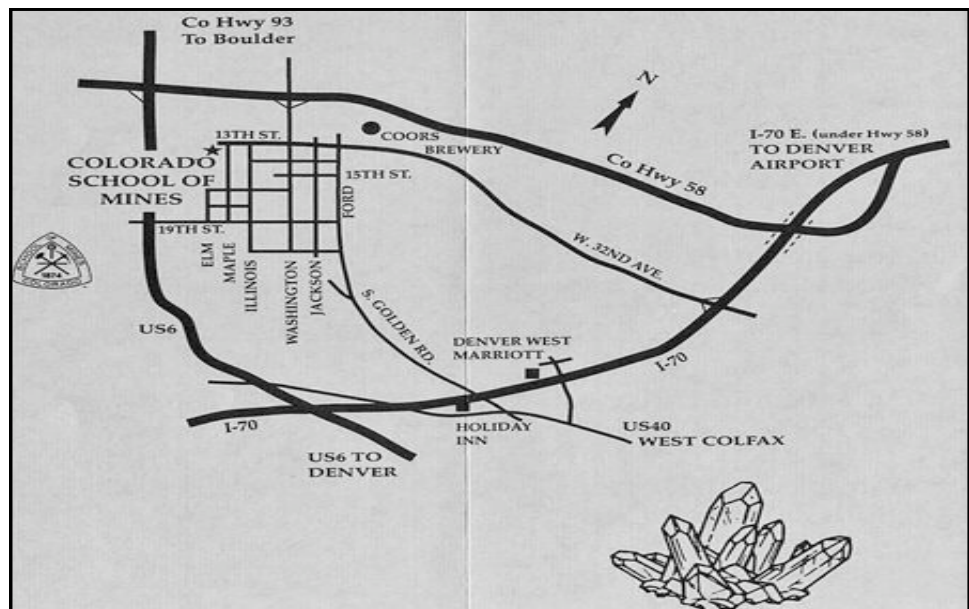
The exhibits include: Gold & Silver Displays, Mining Artifacts, Minerals of Colorado, Colorado Mining Heritage, Gemstones – Rough & Cut, World Minerals, and Fossils.

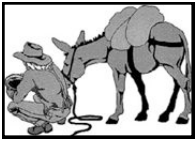
Any Questions: Come and talk with me or call 413-668-6008.

I hope you can attend this great educational and fascinating tour!!!!!!!

See you at the museum!!!

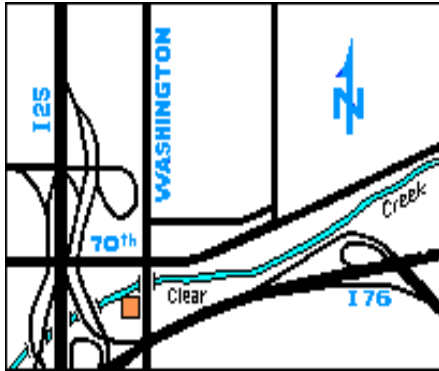
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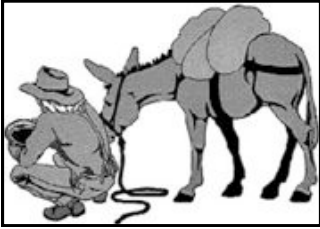
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**Contact the GPR President**

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**Coming Announcements and Special Events April 2009**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1 Submission Deadline to the Editor</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	<b>15 Club Meeting</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>25 Copy Deadline for The Gold Nugget</b>
26	27	28	29	30		