

THE GOLD NUGGET

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The Prez Sez by , Aaron Ingalls

Good day fellow “diggers”,

Here it is the beginning of April and those mountains keep accumulating more snow! We have finally been getting some at our lower elevations too which is even better.

I have to wipe the drool from the corner of my mouth. The water has been so low we can still get out into the middle of the creeks which normally we can’t even get close to this time of year. The runoff has usually already begun by now.

Lets not forget about “Let’s Go Gold Panning Days” down at Point Bar that is being hosted by the Colorado Springs club on May 9th and 10th. That would be a good time for all of us to meet new, like-minded people or to renew old acquaintances and to see different equipment work and methods that are used. And of course get some gold! **DON’T** forget – those of you using a highbanker or dredge - you need to get a permit from BLM in order to use it there.

The GPAA is having their gold show here in Denver on May 2nd and 3rd. Jim Long has arranged for us to have a booth at their show so we can promote the club. If you would like to volunteer, talk to him. The more people the less work!

Sue had a good turn out for the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum Tour. I was not able to attend but I heard that they even got a behind the seen tour that nobody gets. Following they did some panning in the creek there in Golden and did pretty well I heard.

Joe Johnston is planning a metal detection outing which I believe is coming up toward the end of the month. (See details on page 4)

I’m sorry to say I won’t be at this next meeting as my work schedule has been “altered”. I now have 2 months of nights and 2 months of days so you will have our very capable Vice President at the helm every 2 months. I’m sure going to miss being there but you all have a good meeting!

Aaron

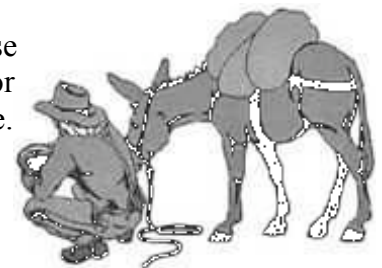
Thoughts from a 1st grader..... My “mousie” is better than gold.
My family is more important than gold.
Food is better than gold.
Gold is not as important as friends.
Animals are better than gold.
I would rather have friends than gold.

GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website contact the webmaster at:
prospector@phantomranch.net



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



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Board Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2009

Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Gary Hawley

Roll Call Those in Attendance

Aaron Ingalls X

Allen Mershon X

Robert Larson X

Rob Deschambault X

Joe Shubert X

Sue Lemieux X

James Long X

John Weir X

Leanne Larson X

Terry Weatherly X

Joe Fortunato X

Joe Johnson X

Gary Hawley X

Quorum Present? yes

Call to Order 6:25

Reading approval of minutes

Corrections

Approved as read/corrected?

Treasurer's Report

Robert's Report Spreadsheet handed out.

Questions None

Accepted? yes

Correspondence

Naja Class schedule presented

Note from Don Bray.

Doing fine after surgery—best wishes.

Committee Reports:

Sue L. Found gold window decals for store, making available tonight.

Seeking info on budget for new items for store, need to have new items

embroidered. Hats? Shirts? Vest? Lanyards?

Trips: Idaho Springs Event Schedule available to members.

Sign-up sheet for Colorado School of Mines Museum tour Mar 21 Maps available.

Bob-Brochures out 5 places, keeping record of placement and re-fills needed.

Jim Long GPA Booth needs Volunteers May 2 & 3 9-5 Sat 9-4 Sunday. Need Set up and Take down.

Making Brochures

Don Ditzler donated statue for member donation with letter.

Andy Doll has agreed to do newsletter. Thank you Andy.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Planned Outings:

Aaron: May 9th & 10 Point Barr.

BLM should be contacting him about guards and tours for old beaver pond at Casche Creek.

Looking for camp host.

Adding port-a-potties.

Fairplay still under consideration.

Announcements

Tonight's General Meeting Program:

Jonas Lanes Colorado Preservation Inc "Old gold Mines and Ghost towns."

Adjournment: 6:55

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 Meeting 7 PM Club Meeting

INFORMATION Contact the GPR President

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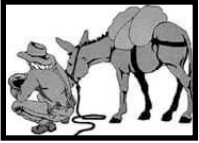
"Note" from the Treasurer

A special thank you goes out to Jim Long, Aaron Ingalls and Don Ditzler for their contributions to the Member Drawing. In addition to Jim's three envelopes of excitement and Aaron's copper-in-quartz rock - Don provided the Club with a miner figurine from his families' collection. It seems that gold fever is not very high in the Illinois farmland, where gold isn't found in abundance as we find it in Colorado.

Just a reminder, memberships expired the first of the year and 2009

membership dues are now being collected. Please see Jackie Barker. Our cost of refreshments is almost moving ahead of donations; if you can bring refreshments it will help keep the refreshments ahead. Phil Huff has agreed to take on the responsibilities of overseeing the refreshment table. This is a golden leap for a new member. I hope that you hear this enough - "Thanks to all who have helped set up and take down and provided refreshments." And please continue to support and help Phil as you did Leanne and me.

The time has come! On April 15th we will unveil the special drawing "nugget". It is a two and half pound Druzy Quartz infused with gold. It came from the Guanaco Mine near Copiapo, Chile. I know as well as anyone that times are hard but feel free to dig a little deeper into your already tapped pockets. As Kathy always used to say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!! Thanks for your support. Robert W. Larson.



General Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2009

Aaron Ingalls called meeting to order.

Ed Finney led Pledge of Allegiance.

Gold Prices \$981.65

Treasure says we're still in the black. We have a special gold rock coming for the special drawing.

Introduction of Jonas Lanes, Colorado Preservation Inc., presenting "Colorado Gold Mines."

Founded in 1984 to promote historic preservation in Colorado. Only organization set up to save these sites 74 sites listed for historical significance and treatment. Sites are saved by working with local groups, and owners. Organization goal is to bring focus to the sites in danger. Brochures available. Of the 74 sites 20 are gold mine related.

Gold Hill Town site listed 2000. Monument to site installed by Masons, nothing of the town left. Lewis Mine- Outside of Telluride.

Commodore mining district- Creed District- Superfund site. Working to list on National Registry.

Hanging Flume-Montrose Under BLM ownership, project on back burner, goal to reconstruct 50' of flume.

Leadville Mining district. Listed because of EPA neglect. This effort exposed the needs of this area and made public aware of dangers.

Red Mountain Mining District-Ouray. Silver mostly, threatened by private owners wanting to build "estates."

Yankee Girl Mine- a consortium purchased land to protect.

Ironton- One structure at a time.

Snowstorm Gold Dredge - Threatened by scavengers. Long-term plans include tours.

Alta Lakes Town site- San Miguel City threatened by development. Town site owned by private company.

San Juans-Wilson group-Lizard Head, Alta Lakes is probably considered lost.

Historic communities of the I-70 corridor threatened by expansion, expansion is necessary but is it a MUST?

Questions: Do you own the sites?

Grant funded and privately handled. Do not own, only administer sites. Work with owner, maybe find new owners.

Stanley Mine Update - Tailing being gone thru, attempt to keep tailings where they are. Going to build log homes with tailing, green built homes. Trying to get clean water thru the land.

How do you find sites? Sites are determined by nominations. Any historic and threatened site can be considered all three gambling towns have been listed.

Does Roscoe Rock need to be considered? Unaware of site, will get back on that one.

Commodore mining district considered most intact mining site.

Snowstorm Dredge in gravel pit, owners wants gravel ONLY.

Any site open for prospecting? It varies based on owners.

Could sites be made operational? Most remains only architectural up to ownership.

135 in attendance. 1 new member, WELCOME Phil Huff!

Visitors: Kevin Genuchi, Larry Glass, James Padget, Gordon and Flora Morgan, Gil Antero, Mal & Lynda Campbell, Bert Cutshall and David Stewart. Welcome all! Hope to see you back at a meeting or outing and joining us as members soon!

Announcements:

Hank Innfield: Dowsing class on April 28th.

Sue Lemieux: March 21, 9:30 am Colorado School of Mines Museum tour with Bruce Geller. Sign up sheet and maps. Going panning in Golden after. Trying to get a tour of Edgar Experimental Mines set up for Saturday, maybe in the Fall. Copies for Idaho Springs events available.

Bryan has developed his own Yahoo group for the sharing of information, ideas, helps and blogs. Under Yahoo groups it is called "coloradogoldprospecting".

May 9th & 10th - Point Barr Outing, Colorado Springs club has again invited

us. On site camping available. Permit need for high banker.

Kathy Hawley's birthday, thank you for the delicious cake.

Joe Johnson: Metal detecting in April outside of Boulder, sign up sheet.

Terry: May 2nd & 3rd - GPAA Gold show. We have a booth, need volunteers. Set Up-Take Down Sat 9-5 Sunday 9-4.

Rob: Store has new item, cling on gold nugget. Don't forget your business cards.

Gary: Don Bray doing well after surgery.

Break 8:05

Back at 8:26

Drawings

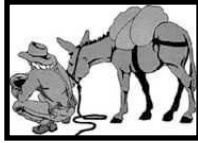
Phil Huff has volunteered to take over refreshments. Many thanks from everyone! Let's make sure we all help him out.

Many thanks to all of you who have been helping with the clean up and put away for the last several months. Your help was golden. Leanne & Robert.

Aaron: next meeting April 15th at 7pm.

"The Question of the Month"

What is the full name of 'Green' Russell, early Colorado gold prospector?



Planning

Calendar 2009

APRIL

15th Club Meeting
19th Detecting
Clinic

MAY

2/3 GPAA Show
9/10 Let's Go Gold
Panning, Point Bar
20th Club Meeting

JUNE

17th Club Meeting

JULY

15th Club Meeting

AUGUST

19th Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER

16th Club Meeting
3rd Highlands
Ranch Demo

OCTOBER

21st Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

18th Club Meeting

DECEMBER

16th Club Meeting

2010

JANUARY

20th Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

17th Club Meeting

April Detecting Clinic @ Wood Mine

We have been granted permission to use the property at the Wood Mine on Sunday April 19, 2009.

Entry fee \$6.00 per person.

Meet at 12:00 noon for a picnic lunch followed by a quick talk on detecting (and maybe some history of the mine) then the hunt will begin at 1:30.

Bring your detector and refreshments.

DIRECTIONS

US 36 to Canyon Blvd in Boulder (becomes Boulder Canyon Drive).

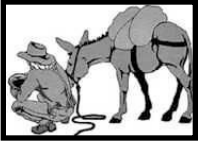
West to Fourmile Canyon Drive, Turn North, follow to Salina turning west on County 118 (still Boulder Canyon Drive).

Continue past Wallstreet (town) to the Wood Mine (adit on the North, property on the South). (If you reach Sunset, you went too far.)

We will mark the site for you!

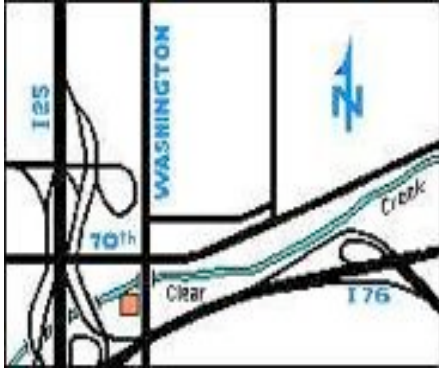
Sue's Sluice Box

We will here from Sue at the meeting this month.



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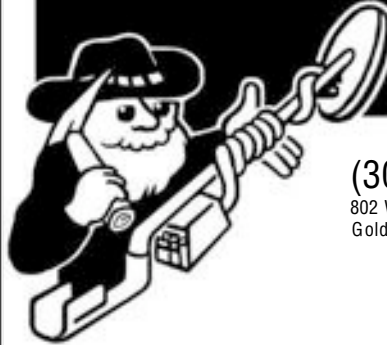
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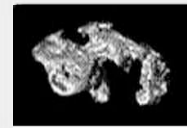
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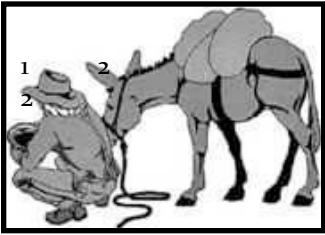
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Coming Announcements and Special Events May 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1	2 GPAA Gold Show
3 GPAA Gold Show	4	5	6 Submission Deadline to the Editor	7	8	9 Point Bar Outing
10 Point Bar Outing	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Club Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Copy Deadline for The Gold Nugget