

THE GOLD NUGGET

The Prez Sez by, Aaron Ingalls

A BIG HELLO to all,

June, with its warm weather (and lots of rain lately), is upon us...along with tornados, hail, etc... This is the time of year when gold prospecting is all you can think about when you see a stream with all that potential GOLD!!! BUT...they are running reallllly fast and high so use caution if you have to "scratch your itch."

We had a great speaker and some pictures that were just fascinating from Tom Noel at our last meeting. I think we all may have gotten a "different" view of life then and now.

It was wonderful to see how many new members and guests we had at the meeting! WELCOME ALL!

Lots of things are coming up in the next few weeks. If you haven't already, get signed up for the Edgar Mine trip, Sue will love you for it. Then don't forget the Arvada Gold Strike Festival on June 20 and we may have some of the new "store" items with our logo by then too!

Put the July meeting on your calendar now. We are going to be auctioning off the contents of our trailer...see the list below!

Last but not least don't forget to look at our "rock" from Chile that will be on display. You don't want to miss out. AND another CLUE in the Treasure Hunt. Someone must be getting close????

See you all on the 17th, Aaron

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!!!!JULY IS AUCTION TIME!!!!

The GPR Trailer and its contents will be auctioned off at our Wednesday, July 15th club meeting. If you are interested on bidding for any of the items, see Rob Deschambault (GPR Store Keeper), to register for a Bidding Number. You can also register the day of the Auction.

Here's a Listing of available items:

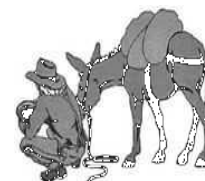
- 2002 "Homesteader" Utility Trailer
48" W x 96" L x 52" High
- 10 - Ratcheting Straps (10ft+)
- 50 Cup Coffee Thermos
- Portable Plastic File Box
- Hand Cart/Dolly
- 4 Prong Hay Rake
- 8 Blue 5 Gal. Buckets
- 2- Orange 5 Gal. Buckets
- 23 White Hand Towels
- 5 Wooden Bar Stools (2 match/3 match)
- 3 EZ-Up Canopies
- 9 Milk Crates (8 Plastic/1 Metal)
- 1 White Plastic Table (48" x 30")
- 3 White Plastic Tables (72" x 30")
- 1 Garden Hose
- 1 Black Tub
- 4 Blue Tarps
- 11 Gold pans (Various Sizes)
- 1 Classifier
- 1 600 ft. Spool of 1/4" Poly Rope
- 2 Sets Halogen Lights
- MISC Items that will be placed on Table for viewing.

GPOR Website

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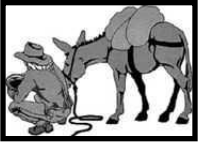


Dick will be happy to review any comments or suggestions that you may have.



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Board Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2009

Roll Call: Those in Attendance

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| Aaron Ingalls | X |
| Allen Mershon | |
| 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 |
| Gary Hawley | X |
| Joe Johnston | X |

Quorum Present? Yes

Call to Order: 6:19

Reading approval of minutes:

Corrections

Approved as read/corrected?

Treasurer's Report: We're in the black, Memberships are due now any member on record not paid will no longer receive newsletter.

Questions: None

Accepted?: Yes

Correspondence

Jason from the News might be attending, wants to do article on club.

Jim Long: Clear Creek Courant Editor Ian sending article for next newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Store: Sue L: New list, for embroidery contract for store. Gary suggests lanyard be breakaway style.

Rob D: Club trailer, needs to be moved ASAP. Next meeting, auction it off. Plan to inventory before next meeting and bring in parts. Sand won't go with trailer, go for drawings? Jeff requests trailer be gone ASAP.

Trailer on Craig's list? Alan. Rob D. Minimum bid, if not met, Craig's list. Gary, Most viable idea.

A "Note" from the Treasurer

Our club continues to operate in the black, thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our Members. Speaking of generosity: a couple of months ago Joe Shubert passed the pan (with the Board's permission) for a worthy cause. The GPR members donated \$130.21.

A special thank you goes out to Jim Long, Mike Hurtado, and LeRoy for their contributions to the Member Drawing. In addition to Jim and LeRoy's envelopes of excitement – Mike provided a fantastic Rattlesnake belt buckle.

Our cost of refreshments is almost moving ahead of donations; if you can bring refreshments it will help keep the refreshments ahead. I hope that you hear this enough – "Thanks to all who have helped set up and take down and provided refreshments."

The time has come! On April 15th, we unveiled 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

Glenn Glass is having a Garage Sale (Thur-Sat) June 18-20, 8425 Belmar Ave., Lakewood 303-985-0500. Mineral Specimens, Tools, Household items, Lawnmower (Snapper) and much more.

Silent Auction? Have meeting as auction and social hour. Cookie bake off? Advertise in newsletter. July meeting Auction. Approved.

Jim Long: Gold show report: excellent. Two very busy days, 4th biggest show. Some 2000 people.

Lots of interest. Signed up 3 new members and lots of interest. Lots of help for set up. Set a record for tear-down. Much appreciation from GRAA.

New Business:

Aaron: Purchased sufficient stamps at old price for newsletters for several months.

Gary: 40 members on list have not re-upped membership. Why are we sending them newsletters?

Thanks for help on Dan Deru special.

Gary Hawley, Chuck Cown, Rick Lacombe, Joe Fortunato, Jim Long, Dan Luchtenburg.

Rob D: New contact list for brochures.

Sue L: YOUR HUB area newsletter. Why we are not listed? Checking for fee? Arvada Gold Strike coming, flyer. Truman for Edgar mine out of reach for the time being. Signup sheet will be available. 20th of June Western museum of mining. Rock Fair. Including the yellow Jacket Stamp mill. Come the weekend before to see set up, might have stamp mill running.

John: Mineral collection available.

Joe Fortunato: Channel 31, we had to run interference from past member. His name is not on "non-profit" statement. Is it time to have a lawyer check our non-profit status and as well as member and past member status. Membership renewed every year.

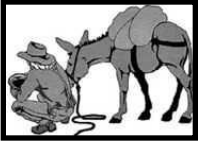
We have agenda for the meeting; we will stick to the agenda. Any requests for input on agenda must be properly submitted in advance of meeting.

Planned Outings: Later

Announcements: Later

Tonight's General Meeting Program: Dr Colorado Tom Noel

Adjournment: 6:51



General Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2009

Aaron Ingals Call to order__7:12

Don Bray Lead pledge of allegiance

\$927 gold price for the day.

Treasures report; we're still working in the black.

Memberships are due NOW!

Speaker: Tom Noel known as Dr. Colorado History teacher.

Presented a display of slides of some of the lesser-known scenes of Colorado's gold country.

"Gilpin County is not the place to go gold prospecting. "First

Question of the night, "Who was Gilpin County named for?"

William Gilpin. William Greeneberry Russell found gold on Cherry Creek. And in Russell Gulch, Gilpin county. Willam

was a confederate and most of his discovery was not put in the history books. Gold was found in winter in Idaho Springs. Library of congress lists devastation caused by mining, around Central city. Central City became an over night city. Painting 1965 of Central City. 1874 fire, blamed on the Chinese workers and as a results 1874 is found on most building in Central City today Bleak looking place, not much better today. Central city library was the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, there's the opera house. Ann Evans saved the Central City Opera house with many of her friends helping to raise the money to restore and rebuild the Opera as it is today. Her house is still standing and restored. July 16, 1932 Opening night of Central City Opera Lillian Gish was a top actress of her time and opened the Opera House. Ballad of Baby Doe at Opera house. First preformed there. Teller House restored by Opera House association. Ulysses S. Grant room at the Teller House, he never slept there. Each painting in bar has something anatomically incorrect including, Bacchus, Roman God of drinking. The face on the bar room floor. The fanny on the bar room ceiling at the old

Glory Hole saloon. There is a poem that state" With her face in one place and a block and a half in between. "The other side of the face on the bar room floor?? The painting is called "Mother" her eyes follow you. Gold coin saloon, cannot put slots in that saloon. Most famous Madam, Lou Bunchstead. Gambling always being done in Central City. Supposedly done to support schools. Black Hawk was a smelting center. Since gaming much has changed. Hiking above Nevadaville. Americastar Hotel in the back what an eyesore in a beautiful landscape. The glory hole is still in Nevadaville. Town is left with hotels that never got built. The lace house in Central City. Miner struck

"The Question of the Month"

What was the original name of Clear Creek stream?

it rich and had house built, now being moved to Mountain City, and out of the way of casinos. Knock Ireland holy water to bless the moving and new place of the lace house. Halfway between black hawk and Central City. Central City Cemetery one of 6 or 8, lots of children in those cemeteries. Look at all the smelters in the back of the picture. Nevadaville only has maybe 6 people left in town. They didn't go with the casinos. Main Street today Town is hardly open anymore. Bookstore and city hall one building.

New members: Mark Ramsell, Roger Biri, J. Patrick Nickson, Fred Kieser, Paul Barron, Jim Johnson, Dave Stuart, Cliff Reed & Jodie Hytrek, Michael Miller.

Guest: David Eckoldt, James Padgett, Michael and Mark Miller, Gene Batton, and Dave Fender.

Break time

146 Members on the Roll and 64 in attendance.

Question of the Month Answer: California Gulch. 16 answers, 16 correct.

Sue Lemuix: Edgar mine signup sheet on front table and information on Western Museum mining tour and the Yellow jacket Stamping Mill in operation June 20.

Arvada Gold Strike festival June 20 papers on table.

Jim Long: Thanks to those who helped at the GPAA show at the Western Stock complex. Much thanks to all who helped. The DVD was very popular.

Thanks to Gary Hawley and others for Special event at TYMKOVICH with Dan Deru and Channel 31. At 6am Good time was had and a good presentation.

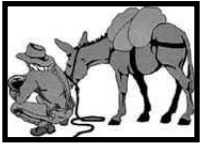
John Johnston: Metal detecting outing in Boulder on Sunday. Many good coins found. ICMJ Mining journal available at table.

Aaron Ingals: Point Barr turned into a fishing trip for some members. Gary went and lots of people there. Found gold in a new layer. Good time had by many. Windy and hot, but enjoyable.

July club meeting will be an auction of all items in club trailer. Tents, tables, chairs. A list is being compiled and will be in the June newsletter. Come see the ROCK. Chilean gold all over it. Tickets will be sold for the next few months. Future reference:

New items will shortly be purchased for store. Shirts, vest, with logo. Creek rising fast. But run off will be faster this year with all of the late rain and snow. Watch out for those storms, be safe.

Meeting June 17th, 7 pm Hope to see everybody back.



Sue's Sluice Box

Rock Fair at Western Museum of Mining

June 20, 2009, 9 am to 3 pm

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry partners with the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society to present the first annual "Rock Fair at WMMI". A family event to include children's activities, food vendors, rock & mineral identification, seminars on rock hounding. Also, it's a chance to see Yellow Jacket stamp mill crush ore! Crushing Times: 10 am & 1 pm. Bring hearing protection for this exhibit. I'm sure they will provide ear plugs. Cost: \$5 Adults, \$2 Children. The museum is located at: 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921. Directions: Take I-25 South to Exit 156A, Opposite the North Entrance to the USAF Academy.

Planning Calendar 2009

JUNE

20th Rock Fair at WMMI

JULY

15th Club Meeting
AUCTION

AUGUST

19th Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER

16th Club Meeting

OCTOBER

3rd Highlands Ranch Demo
21st Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

18th Club Meeting

DECEMBER

16th Club Meeting

2009 GPAA Gold Show

By JJ Long

The 2009 GPAA sponsored Gold, Gem & Treasure Show was held in Denver at the Denver Coliseum on May 2/3, 2009. The Club provided volunteer assistance to the GPAA Staff in setting up on Friday before the show. My special thanks to GPR members to Joe Johnston, Don Bray, Steve Barrett, Don and Brandon Luchtenburg, Mike Hurtado, Stever Overton, and Dale Varner for everything that you did. You folks did a great job of representing the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. You guys are all Great..!!!



Saturday worked started 8am to about 1:30pm getting the Show set up and ready to. In return, GPAA provided the GPR with a free booth space. The Show opened on Saturday at 10am and JJ Long and Joe Johnston were on hand to greet attendees and to talk about the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. We had a video presentation produced by Jeff and Donna Mosteller that we ran

continuously. For those of you who haven't seen this video, it is in the Club Library. We had several prospecting items that we displayed on the table and filled a gold pan with candy for Show attendees to help themselves. There were times when our booth was 3 and 4 deep with people who wanted to know about the Club. We probably talked to ay least 300 people on Saturday alone. Saturday left us very tired but very upbeat about how well received the GPR booth was.



Sunday saw a lighter crowd yet we were still pretty busy and probably talked to another 100 people. Again, everybody that had been there on Saturday was back and provided a lot of assistance the GPAA Staff in conducting what turned out to be the fourth highest attendance at any Gold Show of the 2009 season. The GPAA was extremely grateful and appreciative of the volunteer efforts by the GPR members. When the Show concluded, our

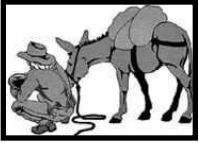
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volunteer staff managed to set a new record by tearing down and loading the GPAA truck in 1 hour and 45 minutes flat. The Colorado Springs and Cheyenne, Wyoming Chapters of the GPAA also had volunteer folks who assisted in the Friday set up and the Sunday tear down. If you don't know some of those folks in those local Chapters, there are some truly nice and generous people in their Clubs, as there are in ours.

All in all, the GPR booth was a great success and we signed up several new members to include Jim Johnson of Littleton, Co., Jim Nickson of Leadville, Co., and Paul Barron of Fremont, Nebraska. There were close to 20 other folks who said they would be coming to our next meeting.

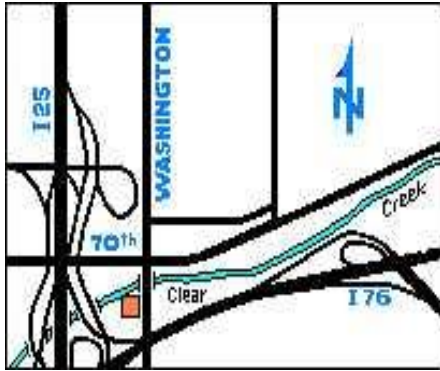
With the current economic crisis in full swing as well as the recent high prices for gold, there is a greater interest out there for 'prospecting'. Unfortunately, there are many who believe that you can still strike it 'rich' today and find enough yellow gold to solve their financial woes right away.

Those of us in the GPR Club all know the sad reality is that the odds of that happening are extremely poor. But the trend has created a large surge in interest of prospecting and many of those folks are looking for local clubs to join to help them learn what this is all about. I will not be surprised if there are quite a few new visitors at our May meeting.



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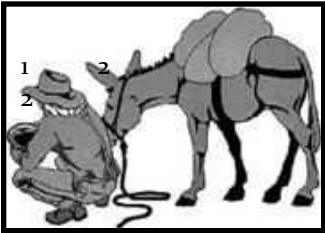
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