THE GOLD NUGGET

October 2014

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



It is now Fall and the temperatures are beginning to become a little more unstable. That means that snow is apt to be coming at any time now and the leaves have pretty well turned in the high country and hunting season is in full swing. I have been a hunter since I was 6 years old and received my first weapon for Christmas, a .410 shotgun.

This year is no different. I will be venturing out there in pursuit of Bambi and his larger cousin. I will be joining several friends with whom I have hunted with for 35 years. We have enjoyed many trips together, some successful and some not so much. But every year brings new experiences and the thrill

of spending even more time out of doors. As I get older, I find the going to be a lot tougher each year and I can no longer climb the peaks like I used to. Last year, I found bringing my bull elk out was extremely grueling and I wished with every step that my son or grandson were there to do the heavy work for me. But they weren't so I had to do it with the help of a companion who is three years older than myself and we got it done with a lot of extra effort. I have found that the last couple of years of prospecting have been much of the same. My brain and my eyes tell me that I can still do the things I did when I was 40, but my body just laughs and says, "No you can't, you fool, you know better than that!!"

The digging is getting harder, the buckets are getting heavier, and the gold is getting sweeter with each trip. I think that it

is because it is getting harder to do, that the finding of the gold is just that more enriching. I find that I spend more time helping others now and showing them what to do and where to look and how to do it than I do digging for myself. And that is okay with me. I am becoming like the 'old timer' who said, "it is not so much the having as it is the finding..!" When you are young and energetic, it is more about the 'having'. Young people haven't learned enough from life's many experiences to really appreciate the truly important things in life. That is why it is said that with experience and age comes wisdom. And wisdom doesn't mean that you are ready and able to match Einstein in an intelligence challenge. It means that you are merely wiser in the ways of the world. You take more time to enjoy what is really important. And as we age, it becomes clear what truly is important in our lives. And usually, money and



play toys and physical things just don't count as much anymore as your health and your family do.

With winter fast approaching, many of us will be making a last minute push to get in what prospecting we can before the cold and ice runs us off the creeks. That means that we will have plenty of time to address those containers of black sands and concentrates that I know some of you have been hoarding up this summer. All the good and skilled planners' I know have little to no black sands to clean up because they have already panned it all out. But there are many of us who are not so skilled at panning and those containers, small and large, have been accumulating. So now will be the time to get them





I have written plenty on that subject in the past, including just last month. And we have lots of 'How to' videos posted on the Club web site that were done to help you in all of that. I will be doing some 'Beginner' Classes again in the spring and the fall of next year. These classes are great from information and hands on standpoint. If you struggle getting that gold, then you need to watch for the Event Schedule in the Newsletter starting in January and make every effort to attend one. We try hard to help you to get the tools and learn the skills that it takes to be a successful small scale miner. And we do it for free when there are others out there that will only show you for money. So, don't delay or hold back. Just be there!!

That is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your search! And until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at inslong945@msn.com.

Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

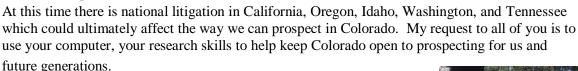


The V.P. Corner by "Klondike" Mike



Prospecting Politics: Being Involved

Now that I am the new President of GPAA Foothills and longtime VP of GPR, learning all the political scenarios of the state, each county, the BLM, and the U.S. is quit a lesson in research. Every department, every entity has its own rules and regulations. We as gold prospectors must be mindful of all rules, public as well as private.



With all organizations there will be issues. But hopefully with good leadership, and working together, there will be more cooperation between the diverse groups of gold prospectors. The old adage "Gold Fever Changes People" can be very true with people suddenly becoming greedy and mistrusting of their own groups. Let's try to work thru all of that so we can move forward as a cohesive group.

I would like to thank all of the people who made the trek to Pavilion Point, above Georgetown, at the old saloon. We had about 10 GPR and GPAA members present. I do apologize for the computer glitch.

Hopefully next outing Everyone will get the memo and attend. The day was LOTS of FUN!!!!!

Any questions please contact me: Klondike Mike, 720-443-9545.





From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The October Meeting will feature **10.4 grams of gold nuggets** for the give away with the largest nugget being **2.8 grams**. There are also additional prizes to include gold, silver, and various mineral to give away. We have acquired another 'Special Nugget' and hope to have it here by the October meeting for the next raffle to begin. Special thanks go to **Pres. Long and to the GPR Board** for contributing items for the 'Members Only' drawings held at the September Meeting.

This Month GPR Meeting Program:

Oct 15: The October meeting will feature a 'USED EQUIPMENT SWAP/TRADE/SALE'. If you have anything at all that you would like to sell or trade or swap, then bring it to the meeting. We will waive all vendors fees for Club members who wish to participate. This is a good way to get rid of stuff you don't need or use any more. Also, there will be a 'Pumpkin Carving Contest'. Carvings should have a mining theme and the top 3 winners will win prizes for their efforts.

Nov 19: The November meeting will feature a <u>dvd titled 'Bedrock Bustin'</u> produced by the GPAA and will feature techniques of finding gold in the cracks and crevices of bedrock, both in and out of water. Lots of folks overlook this simple and effective way of finding gold and its use could give you more ways of looking at the 'gold getting' issue. Winners of the <u>Monthly Finds</u> need to remember to bring their winners back at this meeting to compete for the <u>Find of the Year</u> Contest.

Dec 17: The December meeting will feature the <u>Members only Christmas Potluck Dinner</u>. There will be no formal meeting and the Program will consist of a few Awards of Recognition for services provided to the Club during the previous year. Of course, your immediate family members are more than welcome to attend as well. There will be a 'Gold Elephant' gift exchange for those who wish to voluntarily participate. Perhaps Linda Luchtenburg will play Christmas music on the piano before we sit to eat.



Gold Miner Statue for Auction



We offered up a golden Gold Miner statue that was donated to the Club for auction and started the bidding in September. The bidding is in \$1.00 increments and the winner will receive the Statue during the October meeting. Be sure to take a look at this well done statue at the October meeting and place your bid before you lose your chance to own it. The bidding started at 10.00 and is going up. So don't miss out. Be sure to bid at the next meeting.

ELECTION TIME for 2015 Board by Joe Shubert

Hello GPR Club Members

I will have nomination forms at the October Meeting. Please think about running for office or nominating someone. If you nominate someone for an office you <u>must have</u> their permission to do so.

Qualifications to run for office:

- 1) Must be a Club member in good standing. (Current membership dues paid.)
- 2) Candidates for President and Vice President must have been active as a Committee person, Officer, or a director on the board.
- 3) All nominations must be received by the Nominations Committee Coordinator at the October meeting, mailed or emailed to him by November 12, 2014.
- 4) The list of nominees will be compiled on a ballot form for the November meeting. Only Club Member will receive a ballot when they sign in at the meeting. A sealed ballot box will be present for all completed ballots to be placed into.
- 5) The ballots will be counted and the results printed in the December newsletter.

At present I know for sure we need at least 1 board member, I will know by the October meeting for sure. We could use some new blood at the helm. You can run for any office that you are qualified to run for even if the person that holds the position is running for reelection

Board Meeting Minutes From Sept 2014

X James Long		Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Roger Biri
X Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Brandon Luchtenburg
X Linda Luchtenburg	X	Pam Schmitt	X	Andy Doll		

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:01 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes Corrections: none...

Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None . Approved: yes **Correspondence:** 7 phone calls, 15 e-mails, 11 mailings **Webmaster**: Total Hits 136909, Hits for last month 336.

Committee Reports: Roger B. advises he has sufficient brochures

and cards for a little while yet.

Unfinished business: Discussed Mike H.'s Release of Liability Form. We made a change and the new one will be implemented into the Appl. We will require its signing with all new renewals in 2015.

New Business: Will explore obtaining LLC status.

Planned Outings for 2014: Refer to Outings Calendar/Schedule in Newsletter for details of existing schedule.

Sept. 20 Sat Panning Demo in Idaho Springs

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What three pieces of information can be found marked on a gold bar?

2014 GPR Board of Directors Members

President

James Long

Vice President

Mike Hurtado

Secretary/Treasurer

Linda Luchtenburg

2 Year Board Members

Joe Johnston (2013)

Joe Shubert (2011)

1 Year Board Members

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

Roger Biri

Pam Schmitt



- Sept. 27 Sat Prospecting Outing at Tymkovich w/bbq, 6811 N. Washington, 9a-done
- Oct. 15 Wed Pumpkin Carving Contest during mtg
- Oct 18 Sat Panning Demo, 17 Mile House, Arap Co Festival
- Nov 8 Sat Metal Detecting Hunt, Majestic View Park, Arvada, 10a − 1

From the Board:

- **Pres Long** reported that the Panning Demo's at Highlands Ranch and at Georgetown went very well. Plenty of volunteers. Club banked \$1000 from these 2 events.
- There was nothing further discussed of any consequence.
- **VP Mike H**. will lead the October Meeting.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting Oct. 15, 2014 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting Oct. 15, 2014 at 7:00pm **Tonight's general meeting program:** A 60 minute video entitled '**Civil War Gold**' from the National Geographic Channel.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:48 pm

General Meeting Minutes From Sept 2014

- 1. Meeting was opened at 7:04 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. **Pres. Long** then presented the evening program which was a 50 minute video titled '**Civil War Gold**' which was presented by the National Geographic Channel. This video featured the history of the wreck of the USS Republic and its cargo of gold and how it was found in the cold Atlantic waters.
- 3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1223.80 an ounce, silver at \$18.53, platinum at \$1347.00 and palladium at \$830.00.
- 4. Web hits for last month reflected 336 hits for the last 30 days.
- 5. **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains very comfortable in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, we have obtained a 16.0 gram nugget for the new 'Special Nugget' drawing and should have it by October meeting.
- 6. **John Johnson** reported from the Membership Table that we had approx. 82 members in attendance. There were also 5 new members and 3 guests present. The meeting attendance was 90.
- 7. **Sue Clover** read the '**Question of the Month**', which was 'What year was the mining technique known as 'hydraulicking' developed''?
- 8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the 'Finds of the Month' table and everyone was encouraged to check them out and vote accordingly during the break. Remember, only one entry per person per category.
- 9. **John Johnson** announced the new Cache Clue #1.
- 10. **Pam and George Schmitt** informed the group to be sure to check the new items in the Club Store and to support your Club by buying Club products with the Club Logo on them. We introduced 25 bags of sand containing gold for sale, so be sure and check out some of the bargains at the Store.
- 11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that the Lake Gulch Outing was a great success and there were 35 members who participated in the event. Also, the Panning Demo's at the Highlands Ranch Festival and the Georgetown Loop RR all went very well, thanks to all the members who volunteered to make them successful. Pres. Long also discussed the upcoming Outings through the rest of the year leading up to the Christmas Dinner. Be sure and check the Outing Schedule listed in the Newsletter for those events. Everyone was encouraged to check out the informational material at the Front Table during the Break. There was nothing further discussed from the Floor. Pres. Long announced that the Ken Barker Award Committee would be submitting nominations in October and that we would be seeking nominations for Elections of Board Members as well. There is currently going to be at least one Board opening open but anyone wanting to run is encouraged to do so.
- 12. **Pres. Long** announced the <u>break at 8:14pm.</u> Meeting was <u>called back to order at 8:37pm.</u>
- 13. **Pres. Long** announced that there were only 31 winners of the 'Question of the Month'. The answer was '1853'. The extra drawing tickets were passed out to the lucky winners.



- 14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were a number of submitted entries for the 'Finds of the Month'. The winner of the "Best Artifact" category was Adam Wilson and Cara Dauderman with a soldering iron they found near Breckenridge. "Best Coin" category was Don Breithaupt with an old melted glass container with a number of coins in it. "Best Jewelry" category was Joe Johnston with a heart pendant he found while metal detecting. "Most Raw Gold" category was B. Adams with about a grain of gold. Congratulations to each of our September Monthly winners. There were the most submissions we have had all year this time. Be sure to show off your finds each month at the next meeting. Each monthly winner will need to save his/her finds for next November to be entered into the Finds of the Year competition.
- 15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 8 gold nuggets. A reminder that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they can choose to donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were **Terry Weatherly** and **Linda Luchtenburg**.
- 16. **Pres. Long** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, his time is over whelmingly taken up by the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by e-mail or phone at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.
- 17. **Pres. Long** thanked **Kris and Joe Kafka** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. With the number of attendees skyrocketing recently, this really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.
- 18. The scheduled **Program for October** will be a "**Used Equipment Sale/Trade/Swap**" during an extended break. The vendor fee will be waived to any member selling things.
- 19. Until next time, remember to prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, that gleaming magical miracle, called 'gold'!
- 20. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Schedule of 2014 Planned Outings:

We are starting a new year and are in process of scheduling speakers and programs, outings, tours and other events for the year. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact a Board Member with your ideas and information. We want to try to provide the things you are interested in. We tentatively have 20 events planned for 2014.

Sept 4,5,6 T,F,S Panning Demo, Highlands Ranch Festival, 9a-2p each day, there will be a sign up sheet.

Sept 13, 14 S,S Panning Demo for Georgetown Loop RR, folks, 9:30-4p each day, see signOup sheet.

Sept 20 Sat Panning Demo, Idaho Springs Festival, 10a-3pm, there will be a sign up sheet.

Sept 27 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lower Clear Creek, 9a until dark at 6811 N. Washington. Bbq at noon.

Oct 15 Wed Pumpkin Carving Contest, regular meeting night, compete for prizes

Oct 18 Sat Panning Demo for Arapahoe County Fall Festival, 8181 S. Parker Rd, 10a-3p

Nov 9 Sat Metal Detecting Outing, Majestic View Park, Arvada, 10a-1p. Prizes to be won.

Dec 18 Wed <u>Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner</u>, members only, no regular meeting, arrive at 6pm, eat at 6:30 Friday June 20th, 2014 at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm: Western Museum of Mining and Industry

Finds of the Month for Sept

Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. Winners each month will have their name published each month in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. The winners in May were:

Most Raw Gold: Winner is **B. Adams** with 1 grain of gold from Clear Creek.

Best Coin: Winner is **Don Braithaupt** with a group of coins from a buried glass container





<u>Best Jewelry:</u> Winner is **Joe Johnston** with a silver heart pendant found while metal detecting.

Best Artifact: Winner is **Adam Wilson and Cara Dauderman** with an old soldering iron found near Breckenridge.

Congratulations to our monthly winners. There were many more submissions from other members that were extremely interesting and we encourage everyone to bring in and share their finds each month.









Monthly winners will need to save your find and present it next November for the <u>Find of the Year</u> competition and for the chance to be recognized as <u>Best Find of the Year</u>.

Birthstone The World of Birthstones

In the ancient world, precious gems were prized just as highly as they are today. Gemstones continue to shatter record prices at auction houses around the world. For 2014, rather than just the monthly birthstones, we will offer a little more of the ageless secrets of birthstones by tying them to the lunar calendar. We will give you a little extra, courtesy of the National Jewelers Society. This means that the birthstones you would normally associate with your birth month are actually tied a little closer to your Zodiac Calendar. So, let's see what the Zodiac says you are for this month:

<u>Lunar Month:</u> Sept. 22 to October 21 <u>Planet:</u> Venus **Zodiac Sign:** Libra **House:** 7 th

Birthstones:

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(Taken from the National Jewelers

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Association and the AmericanGemSociety.Org web sites)

Prospecting/Mining Notes

(mostly from the Denver Post, Internet and other wire services)

- 9-6-14 **29 Rescued From Mine:** 29 Miners were pulled out Friday from a coal mine that collapsed a day earlier in central Bosnia. They left behind 5 men presumed to be dead. Emergency workers had dug through more than 330 feet of collapsed mine tunnels 500 meters below the surface to reach the men. Officials stated that an investigation would determine the cause of the accident.
- 9-11-14 AngloGold to Spin Off its Assets: South African based AngloGold Ashanti Ltd. said that it plans to raise \$2.1 billion in a rights issue and spin its international assets into a new London based company. AngloGold, through its subsidiary Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Co., operates the Cresson Mine which is the largest gold producer in Colorado. The Company is the third largest gold producer in the world and has struggled with rising energy and labor costs in South Africa, where it produces about one third of its overall gold output annually.
- 9-16-14 **Newmont Moves on After Barrick Bust:** Newmont Mining Corp., the second largest gold producer in the world, said it has moved on from an aborted attempt earlier this year to merge with its largest competitor. Newmont will



now focus on building a new mine in Suriname for as much as \$1 billion and focusing its attention on assets it already owns for potential growth.

9-24-14 New Mexico Miners' Vote to Decertify Union: Miners near Silver City, New Mexico, once famous for their labor activism, have voted against participating in the union. United Steelworkers Union members at the Chino Mine voted 236-83 to dump the union. Grant County is where the 1954 movie "Salt of the Earth", based on the actual strike against the Empire Zinc Mine, was filmed. The decertification vote was started by one man who began a petition to dump the union. Company officials stated that they were pleased with the voting outcome.

9-26-14 Colorado Silver Mine Where 2 died is Cited: The Revenue Mine in Ouray, Colorado, was cited by the US Dept. of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration for 93 violations within the last year that led to the deaths of 2 miners and the injury of 20 others when an explosion in the mine occurred. The MSHA stated that the company had a history of poor practice and that 57 of the violations included high negligence or blatantly reckless disregard by the mine operator. MSHA says that the mine has 90 days to correct the problems to get their safety rating back up.

A Miner's Laugh

A proud and confident genius makes a bet with an idiot. The genius says, "Hey idiot, every question I ask you that you don't know the answer, you have to give me \$5. And if you ask me a question and I can't answer yours I will give you \$5,000." The idiot says, "Okay." The genius then asks, "How many continents are there in the world?" The idiot doesn't know and hands over the \$5. The idiot says, "Now me ask: what animal stands with two legs but sleeps with three?" The genius tries and searches very hard for the answer but gives up and hands over the \$5000. The genius says, "Dang it, I lost. By the way, what was the answer to your question?" The idiot hands over \$5.



(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners.) 10/14

Highlands Ranch Festival Panning Demo

The Club took part in the Annual Highlands Ranch Festival in Highlands Ranch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 4, 5 and 6. The Festival was a lot of fun for the Club members who participated. There were close to 2, 400 guests who attended over the three days, 2,399 to be exact! Of those guests, 1,831 took a tour of the Highlands Ranch Mansion. There were over 15 school field trips attended on both Thursday and Friday. The Girl Scouts and Brownies brought a few groups through on Saturday. There was even the Royalty from the Douglas County Rodeo who joined us to take pictures and help with pony rides on Saturday. There were over 20 vendors and educators at the event educating the guests of their trade, as well as our Gold Panning Booth. On Thursday night the Mansion had over 2 inches of rain overnight, but that did not stop us! In fact, we did not receive any rain during the day over the course of the three days, even though it looked like it would! Mother Nature was kind to us, and gave us perfect fall-like weather! Our sincere thanks go to Mike Hurtado, Tina Fleming, Jack Meineke, Bobby Manning, Dennis Smith and Walt Nowakowski for all their





diligent volunteer work over the three days. We couldn't have done it without them. Pres. Long managed to get a few photos.

Clear Creek Water Festival Panning Demo

The weather was once again perfect for the Club Gold Panning Demonstration at the Annual Clear Creek Water Festival held September 20 in Idaho Springs. We were set up next to Clear Creek which gave us a beautiful backdrop while we demonstrated the simple panning technique to some 700 folks who attended the Festival. It is always such great fun to attend this event each year and we usually get several new members out of it. Because it is not heavily attended, we have ample time and opportunity to talk up the Club as well as work with some of the folks to really demonstrate how it is done. Many thanks to Mike Hurtado, Pam and George Schmitt, Booby Manning, Jack Meineke, Walt Nowakowski and George Sullivan for pitching in and donating their time on a beautiful Saturday in a spectacular setting. Our Club is just full of wonderful people like these who work to make our Club the best around. Pres. Long took a few photos of the fun.











Clear Creek Prospecting Outing

Club members gathered on Saturday, Sept. 27, on lower Clear Creek in Adams County between Broadway and York streets for a last day of panning and sluicing before the cold weather sets in. Meeting at 6811 N. Washington to begin the day, this last hurrah turned out to be the least attended Outing we have had in a number of years. But those who were there enjoyed good weather as they dug for gold. At lunch time, we gathered to enjoy a bbq of dogs, brats and burgers. Following the bbq, some returned to the water to dig some more. Most of the gold in lower Clear Creek is fairly fine with the occasional larger pieces and it is fairly bright in color, but more importantly, it is quite plentiful. You never get rich but the exercise and the little we get is what keeps us coming back. We appreciate the good folks at Tymkovich Meats who allow us to use their parking lot behind the store, and we encourage our members to patronize their business whenever they can. Having sampled their products many times, I can attest that they are of very high quality. Photos by Pres. Long.





Georgetown Panning Demo

On Sept. 13 and 14, Club members participated in a gold panning demo for the Georgetown Loop Railroad folks at the Lebanon Mine in Georgetown. Club member Tom Hill oversees the Lebanon Mine tours and is working on trying to open the Everett Mine close by. Both mines were top producing silver mines back in the day. As folks ride the steam locomotive up through the Loop, they stop off to tour the Lebanon Mine and get a chance to pan for a little gold. The event highlights Gold Mining Days at the Georgetown Loop Railroad facility and turned out to be a favorite among the many tourists and riders of the railroad, capping off a wonderful experience in a high country Colorado mining town. Many thanks to Mike Hurtado, Tim and Tina Fleming, George Sullivan, Jack Meineke, Dennis White, Jim Peterson, Bobby Manning, Adam Wilson and Cara Dauderman for all their help and hard work to make the event a success. Pres. Long managed to get a few photos.

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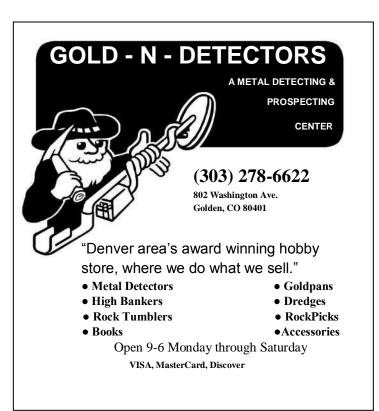


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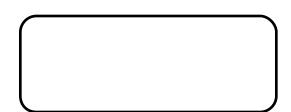
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT			
						WMMI Haunted Mines Haunted House			
Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 Election Day	5	WMMI Osgood Steam Shovels and the Panama Canal	7	Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline			
9	10	Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15			
16	17	18	19 GPR Club Meeting	20	2.1	22.			
23/30	24	25	26	27 FHANKSGIVING	American Indian Heritage Day	29 WMMI Gold Assay Seminar			