

The Gold Nugget

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GPR In the News

By Dick Oakes, Publicity Coordinator



WGN Channel 2 Tapes GPR

On Clear Creek, east of 70th and Washington, near Commerce City, Colorado, a crew from WGN Channel 2 met with folks from the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies at 5:30 a.m. to tape gold panners in action. On hand from the club were **Ken Barker** and **Jeff & Donna Mosteller**. The WGN crew included intrepid reporter Dan Daru, a remote camera man, a remote camera operator, and a WGN intern. Jeff said that fun was had by all. The edited tape was shown at the GPR meeting on August 20th. From left to right in this photo taken by Jeff are the remote camera operator, **Donna Mosteller**, the camera man, **Ken Barker**, and reporter Dan Daru. Standing off camera is the WGN intern. See our website for many photos of the demonstration "outing" (<http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>).

Buffalo Bill Days, July 26-27, 2003

The Special Edition of the *Buffalo Bill Days News* for July 26 and 27, 2003, *(Continued on page 2)*

Dowsing

Almost All of Us Can Do It

By Hank Innerfeld, GPR Dowsing Coordinator

I have taught Spiritual Response Therapy (SRT) classes throughout this country over the past seven years. In each class I share techniques with people so they can connect with their higher state of guidance, to effectively utilize a pendulum, and to learn a methodology by which we can resolve many unresolved and discordant emotional patterns which have been interfering with our lives, our relationships, our careers, our personalities, and our health. In the class setting, individuals learn to



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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, GPR President

Greetings to all "Gold Prospectors of the Rockies" members, past members, and prospective members!



We are starting to see some subtle changes in the weather: cooler evenings and mornings with more clouds and a few rain showers just for spice. Kathy and I recently spent a weekend camping in the Turquoise Lake area with our kids and their families. The mornings and evenings were cool to cold with rain for most of the weekend. We still had a great time fishing with the grandkids and introducing them to the silver

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

Lloyd G. Clements Community Center

1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado

(One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)

7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Information: (303) 932-1076

Website: <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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featured on the front page a photo of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies' gold panning booth with ten or so interested folks, adults and kids alike, being shown the honorable profession of panning for that elusive metal, gold. The booth was set up at the Clear Creek History Park in Golden, Colorado, where you can "walk through the past and experience the life of the Golden pioneers." The park is owned by the City of Golden and managed by Friends of the Astor House Museum & Clear Creek History Park (a non-profit organization).

The History Park is located up the hill west on 11th Street from Washington Avenue. There you can experience the work and play activities of Colorado's mid-to-late 1800s pioneers. From gold panning, blacksmithing, and wool spinning, to lasso throwing and one-room school sessions, you can actually have a hand in experiencing frontier life.

Tours of the park last about 45 minutes and begin on the hour from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, from mid-May through mid-October. Pre-arranged group tours are available year-round. For an updated Schedule of Special Events or to rent Clear Creek History Park for theme weddings, parties, or meetings, call (303) 278-3557. Their web address is <http://www.ClearCreekHistoryPark.org/>



Manning the booth in this photo are **Ken Barker, Gary Hawley, Floyd LeRoy Lamgo, and Ed Finney.**

GPR in Rocky Mountain News, August 2, 2003

The "Spotlight" section of the *Rocky Mountain News*' Saturday, August 2, 2003, edition featured a two-page color photo and story spread titled "All that glitters: Gold panners, young and old, sift for nuggets of nostalgia" by Kevin Williams, Special to the News. Under the huge top color photo of children at Four Mile Historic Park being taught panning by the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies is a photo of **Ken Barker** in his trademark black hat holding five gold nuggets. Without his spectacles (too much glare for the photographer), Ken is almost unrecognizable! In addition to "Kenneth," mentioned in the article are **Gary Hawley** (GPR President), **Bill Chapman** (Gold-N-Detectors), **Shirley Weilnau** (reigning Colorado women's speed panning champion), and **Larry Weilnau** (1997 national speed panning champion). This article is online at

www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/entertainment/article/0,1299,DRMN_6_2150873,00.html

A related article in the same issue is "State's history tied to under-ground economy" by **Gary Hawley**, Special to the News . . . the one and same GPR President! The article is online at www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/entertainment/article/0,1299,DRMN_6_2150323,00.html

Yet another related article is online. It is "Westward, ho!" and talks about Four-Mile Historic Park, Mine Tours, Ghost Towns, and Historic Railroads. This article may be found at www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/entertainment/article/0,1299,DRMN_6_2150322,00.html

For some more photos of these and other GPR happenings, see our well-received website at <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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comfortably dowsing, to formulate questions, and to get accurate answers, as well as to considerably expand their understanding of life. People ranging in age from their late teens through early eighties have all learned this skill in these classes. There have been nurses, housewives, high school and college students, healers, realtors, business owners, florists, teachers, chiropractors, doctors, and born-again Christians who have attended and expanded into these new skill-sets. I have yet to meet someone who had the desire to learn or develop their dowsing skills, who was not able to do so.

The easiest way to understand how dowsing works is through the Huna teachings that have been reported by Max Freedom Long. His descriptions of the early Polynesian beliefs provide understanding that each human is operating through three parts (or spirits in the Huna tradition):

- ◇ the middle self (corresponding to our conscious self),
- ◇ the lower self (corresponding to our subconscious self), and
- ◇ the higher self (corresponding to the superconscious self, as perceived by Jung... or the universal mind... or God).

The Polynesians believe that the high self (or high spirit) is interconnected with the two other selves (spirits) in the individual. They describe the attributes of these two other selves using the descriptions of how they function. They say that the middle self can think but cannot remember. (How many times have we been in deep conversation only to discover that we cannot remember something we wanted to say. Through hypnosis, many times we can access that which has been forgotten and can unlock the storehouse of memory which seems to be suppressed by the subconscious mind). They say that the lower self can remember but cannot think. (Again, through hypnosis we can command the subconscious mind to act independently of the conscious mind's control mechanisms... and a command to the subconscious mind will be automatically be carried out.)

The way dowsing works and the way the seemingly "magical" responses/ answers occur, is that dowsers learn to get their conscious mind out of the way so that they can program their subconscious minds to receive responses from their superconscious minds. Once the programming has been implemented, it is just a matter of developing the skill-set as to how to ask the questions and allow the answers to flow forward. With practice, the responses become more rapid

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GPR Trailer Rocks (and Rolls!)

By Ken Barker, GPR Demos Coordinator

Those of you who have helped out with the panning demos have seen the great paint job done on our club trailer by **Nate Owens** of UltraSIGNS. For those who haven't, here's what the side looks like. UltraSIGNS (www.ultrasigns.biz), located at 5035-B3 S. Kipling at Belleview in Littleton (720-981-0130), provides all kinds of signs, including banners, window and vehicle graphics, large format digital printing, real estate signs, political signs, magnetic signs, trade shows, ADA signs, and a whole lot more.

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Side panel of the GPR Demos Trailer

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and, in some cases, almost instantaneous, and can be creatively applied to almost any aspect of life.

As we become more proficient in our dowsing abilities, we learn that attention must be paid when asking the questions... because if we ask the "wrong" question we will get the correct answer to the "wrong" question and walk away not much wiser. For example, if we ask "will this action serve my best interests?" as a yes/no question... many times we'll be frustrated after taking the "yes" action. Why?... because 2% of a yes is still a yes. If we ask instead "on a scale of 1-100 what percent will this action serve my best interests?" we will get a more definitive understanding of the results of our taking the action. (I'd suggest that anything over 80% is worth doing, under 80% might be worth exploring other options.)

As we develop our dowsing abilities, whole new aspects of life present themselves to us, which allow for expanded growth potential in many facets of our lives and allow us to more pro-actively and consciously make choices as we more smoothly flow through our life experience.

This is the last article in the series (6 of 6).

VP's Corner

By Ken Barker, GPR Vice President

There were two panning demonstrations since the last club meeting. The first event was for the Westward Expansion held at Four Mile History Park. This is the second time the club has been at this venue and we will be there again in October for the Pumpkin Festival. The second was for the Visitors Center over the Labor Day weekend in Central City. That was the last event for Central City for the year. We had a great turn out of members that participated over the weekend.

Thanks to all of you club members who have supported the GPR gold panning demonstrations throughout the year. You folks are the reason that the club continues to gain new members and helps to spread the word about the good things that the club does.

Because most of you club members at the panning demonstrations are dressing in period clothing, I think that requires a special thanks for putting in the extra effort. It also makes it even more fun to see what you folks will be dressed as when you show up.

Again, thank you all!



Gold Club Outing

By Ken Barker, GPR Vice President

The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies held their annual outing at the Dolly Varden Ranch above Alma, Colorado, over the weekend of August the 23rd and 24th, 2003.

Several club members showed up Friday afternoon. We set up the club canopy and tables to provide an outside area for people to sit and visit as well as to eat. About 3:00 p.m., when the rain started to come down, we built a fire and sat around and told lies . . . sorry . . . we swapped stories about all sorts of interesting things, most of which I can not list here. But that's okay.

Later, we fixed dinner and played some cards and just had a good time.

On Saturday, after a few more people showed up, we made the decision to drive up to the Dolly Varden Mine. We loaded up five four-wheelers and headed up the mountain. The Dolly Varden Mine sits about three-quarters of the way up on the side of Mt. Brose, which is one of

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Signals

Produced by Metallic Targets

By Ken Oyler, Metal Detecting Coordinator

Now we move to those signals that are produced by metallic targets. It's important to note that all metallic targets, of sufficient size and proximity to the searchcoil, produce repeatable signals, provided that the coil height and the sweep speed are consistent with each pass. The electromagnetic field from the coil is highly affected by iron (a ferrous metal), the iron targets generally have a more broad response. In other words, as the searchcoil passes over such a target, there is a wide full-width of the searchcoil response. Also, as the coil goes over an iron target the sound in both directions will be somewhat "fuzzy" and with an experienced ear, the sound of iron can be differentiated from the sharp "beep" or "zip" of a non-ferrous target.

Non-Ferrous metals (such as gold, lead, brass, etc.) respond with a more "narrow" signal, sort of a sharp "zip" sound for the smaller targets, and a louder "ZAP" sound for the bigger ones. Again, iron targets produce a wide "buzz," non-ferrous targets a narrow "zip." In time you will be able to hear the difference. (Note: Iron nails and pieces of iron wire will often produce "double-blip" signals with each pass of the search coil.) Switching the detector to Iron ID or Iron Reject, will in most cases cause the signal to break up, especially when the coil is closer to the target. You still should always dig the target, because you might have a small nugget close to a piece of iron.

Next I'll discuss "Where To Go To Find Gold"

GPR Contact List for September 2003

Officers and Board			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
President	Gary Hawley		
Vice President	Ken Barker		
Treasurer	Donna Mosteller		
2-Year Board Member	Pinie Conell		
2-Year Board Member	Wayne Hale		
2-Year Board Member	Ken Oyler		
Board Member	Sue Clover		
Board Member	Shawn Conell		
Board Member	Allen Mershon		
Board Member	Jeff Mosteller		
Board Member	Carl Sauerland		
Board Member	Joe Shubert		
Appointed Officers			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Recorder, General Meeting	Dick Oakes		
Recorder, Board Meeting	Gary Hawley		
Standing Committees			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Advertising	Dick Oakes		
Bylaws	Rick Miska		
Demonstrations	Ken Barker		
Drawings	Donna Mosteller		
Find of the Month/Year	Rick Miska		
Library/History/Video	Dick Oakes		
Membership	Dick Oakes		
Metal Detecting	Ken Oyler Joe Shubert		
Newsletter	Dick Oakes		
Nominating	Joe Shubert		
Outings	Wayne Hale Allen Mershon		
Prospecting	Ken Barker		
Refreshments	Kathy Hawley		
Speakers	Sue Clover Jeff Mosteller		
Store	Jerry Jensen		
Vendors	Randy Solomon		
Web Site	Dick Oakes		
Special Committees			
	Name	Phone	E-mail
Dowsing	Hank Innerfeld		
Publicity	Dick Oakes		
Standard Operating Procedures	Dick Oakes		

GPR Events Calendar					
Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Coordinator(s)
Sep	1		Panning Demo	Labor Day Weekend, Visitors Center, Central City	Ken Barker
	7		Panning Demo	Westward Expansion, Four Mile Historical Park, Denver	Mary Jane Duran
	12-14		Event	Denver Gem & Mineral Show, Merchandise Mart, Denver	
	20	10-4	Outing	Coin Hunt and Gold Panning, Clear Creek	Pinie Conell and Gary Hawley
Oct	??		Tour	Phoenix Mine, Idaho Springs	Pinie Conell
	12		Panning Demo	Pumpkin Festival, Four Mile Historical Park, Denver	Mary Jane Duran
Nov	22		Tour	Western Mining Museum, Colorado Springs	Pinie Conell
Dec	13		Tour	Colorado History Museum, Denver	Pinie Conell
	17		Program	GPR Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner	Gary Hawley

All GPR meeting programs and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club-related prospecting events are included for your information. Members attending any trip activities will be asked to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people and to contact attendees in the event of any changes, cancellations, or rescheduling.

Who's Who in the GPR LeRoy Lamgo

For the first in this series of articles, I decided to ask a returning member for his story. For those of you who may be confused about Mr. Lamgo's given name, he was born Floyd Lamgo, but at the August meeting said he really prefers that people call him by his middle name, LeRoy. --ed

The tale of my association with prospecting goes back to what seems like the last century, well, about the year 1984, when I retired out of the Army as a Staff Sergeant E-6. I really didn't do anything for about a year until I was hired at the local newspaper office as an inserter (inserting hand bills and other advertisements into the news).

I'd liked being out doors while in the service and when my older brother bought himself a black-powder .58 caliber rifle, he asked me to teach him to shoot it. Shortly after that, he joined a Mountain Man Club and signed me up as well. When I retired, we really became weekend mountain men, living in a teepee, learning Native American ways, and roughing it between Fridays and Mondays and during several holidays throughout the year.

When my brother had a heart attack, we stopped our mountain man doings. Then, about 1990, a friend introduced me to a computer! While surfing the web, I came across the website for the Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA). I liked what I saw so I joined the organization and found that there was a GPAA claim near my home.

After obtaining some prospecting equipment, I went out to prospect for GOLD! I thought gold panning would be easy, but found that I was finding a lot of leverite (yep, so worthless I needed to leave 'er right there!). Realizing that I had a lot to learn about gold panning, I again began to surf the Internet where I found the website for the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. The site told where they met and that their



meeting was that very day. I went, liked what I saw, and joined that same night. The following weekend, some of the members took me out and showed me how to efficiently pan for gold.

Then, about a year later, my mother passed away and I simply lost interest in all my activities and let my GPR membership lapse. Three years later, around May of this year, I received a letter in the mail from the new GPR Membership Coordinator, a person I had not heard from in three years. The letter said that that the club would like to have me come back and to make a short story long, here I am saying, "Thank you, Dick Oakes!"

Food for Thought

By Kathy Hawley, Refreshments Coordinator



Well, I got volunteered for refreshments for the August meeting. That's okay because I was able to (kind of) surprise husband **Gary Hawley** with a birthday cake as his birthday was the 20th (meeting night). I hope you all were able to enjoy the GPR logo design that King Soopers put on the cake! All I had to do was take one of Gary's business cards to the bakery and tell them what portion of the card I wanted duplicated and they did all the rest. Thanks to **Carol Oakes** for all the help at the August refreshments table!

Floyd LeRoy Lamgo also brought a birthday cake for his birthday. So, we all had a chance to fill our sugar needs for the month . . . in one night.

The refreshments for our September meeting will be handled by **Bill Carr** and **Nora Dorn**.

Although we have volunteers for the remainder of this year, please do see me to sign up for the month of your choice in 2004. Thanks to all of you who have helped me with the refreshments table during the year!

Kathy

Notes from GPR Meetings of August, 2003

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Ken Barker, Shawn Conell, Pinie Conell, Jeff Mosteller, Joe Shubert, Sue Clover, and Allen Mershon.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as read.

Treasurer's report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence

Newsletters from other clubs and membership applications.

Committee Reports

Not read.

Unfinished Business

Jefferson County Open Space: Gary Hawley. Ongoing.

Adams County/Clear Creek: Sue Clover. Ongoing.

Club Trommel: Rick Miska. Ongoing. Brothers Dale and Gale Herbertson have shown an interest in the trommel.

Club Logo: Gary Hawley. Ongoing

New Business

Gold Nugget Supplier. Gary Hawley. Ken Oyler to check out supplier.

Money for Badges. Gary Hawley. Approval of monies for the purchase of new name tags was moved from October to August (Dick Oakes was notified).

Special End-of-Meeting Drawing. Dick Oakes. Several questions remain unanswered. Dick will have an opportunity to address the board at the September Board meeting.

Liability Insurance. Gary Hawley. The question of liability insurance for the club has been raised. Several club members are checking with their personal insurance agents for information. Board member Sue Clover has been assigned to gather information and present findings to the Board.

Planned Outings

Refer to the Events Calendar posted in *The Gold Nugget*.

Announcements

Next board meeting: September 17, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Discussion and update on club activities. Jeff Mosteller will present a video of the Channel 2, Dan Daru, coverage of gold panning on Clear Creek.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

General Meeting

By Dick Oakes, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley opened the club's general meeting by having past president Rick Miska lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Membership Coordinator, Dick Oakes, introduced guests and new members in attendance. As of the beginning of the meeting, the club had 111 members. (By the end of the meeting, after the mail had been opened and new members had signed up, we had 117 members!)

Gary showed our August 2, 2003, 2-page color spread in the "Spotlight" section of the *Rocky Mountain News* and read a letter from Jeff Hauser thanking us for our McKee Cancer Center donation.

Ken Barker talked about our panning demos, past, present, and future, and gave the club the donations from various panning demo venues. Our demos are fun, especially for the club members giving them (check out the photos on our website).

Ken took visitors Tom Hebert of Tyler, Texas, and Dewey Morgan of Doyline, Louisiana, out gold prospecting. The men said they had a good time. Ken also talked about Gilpin County's decision to allow us to prospect without a charge but to charge property owners \$500 or more to prospect (or dig a garden?) on their own claims and properties, meaning that many prospectors will go "out of business" unless the County's decision is reversed. Many thanks to Ken and all folks from other Front Range clubs who participated in the hearings.

Ken and Gary noted that ours is a family-oriented club of prospectors covered by the 1872 mining laws and their amendments.

Gary has named several members to take over for some retiring members (see The Prez Sez).

During the break, everyone enjoyed the drinks and goodies provided by Refreshments Coordinator, Kathy Hawley with the help of Carol Oakes, and the birthday cakes for members Gary Hawley and Floyd LeRoy Lamgo.

Speakers Co-coordinator, Jeff Mosteller, showed a video of the WGN Channel 2 taping of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies demonstration. Members Ken Barker and Jeff & Donna Mosteller had been on hand for the happening at 70th and Washington. Reporter Dan Daru provided several fun moments, such as when he poured out a copper pan of concentrates (worth \$150) to use it as a prop, listed his Prospectors' Glossary of Terms (all three of 'em), and, when he was told that there is gold in foods and medicines, likened eating gold to being "a human sluice box" (don't pan out those concentrates, Dan!).

Club members ended the meeting by singing the Happy Birthday song to our two birthday sexagenarians . . . uh . . . members in their sixties with birthdays in August.



I got my new metal detector. This time I succumbed to the advertisements and went with a Fisher DFX. If it were a watch, it would have 21 jewels and holes drilled for more. I do like the way it works with pinpointing and depth reading. Then too, I like the icons: one telling me what the target probably is and another telling me what it might be. So far it has been accurate. First try I found a railroad spike (no head) that registered as a nail (6 inches depth) or it could have been a quarter. Then in little less than three hours I found 40 cents. One quarter, one dime, and five pennies, at depths from two inches to ten inches. Let's see, cost of detector, batteries, tools, time involved, hmmm, guess I'll have to do better

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Prospectors' Glossary of Terms

per Dan Daru, Reporter, WGN Channel 2, Denver, Colorado

consarnit (kon sar' nit), expletive to express shock, anger.

dagnabit (dag nah' bit), expletive to express excitement, surprise.

dagunnit (dah gun' nit), expletive to express disappointment.

Drawing Winners

By Jill Eads, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

- 0.79 gram nugget..... Joe Fortunato
- 0.84 gram nugget..... LeRoy Lamgo
- 0.93 gram nugget..... Tom Hebert
- 1.03 gram nugget..... LeRoy Lamgo
- 1.10 gram nugget..... Pinie Conell
- 1.14 gram nugget..... Dewey Morgan
- 1.22 gram nugget..... Cindy Douthard
- 1.23 gram nugget..... Kindra Solomon
- 1.26 gram nugget..... Don Greene
- 1.50 gram nugget..... LeRoy Lamgo
- 1.89 gram nugget..... Gale Herbertson
- 2.00 gram nugget..... Larry Weinau

Door Prize Drawings

- 0.40 gram nugget..... Jay Nunn
(Donated by **Randy Solomon**)
- 0.43..... Jeff Mosteller
(Donated by **Ken Oylar**)

The Q&A

By Nora Dorn, GPR Q&A Coordinator

The Question for August was:

- Q: "In 1991, several scenes for the Perry Mason show, "The Case of the Glass Coffin," were taped in what towns in our Colorado mountains. One town involved one of the old mines."
- A: "Early in 1991, television discovered Gilpin County. Several scenes for one of the Perry Mason shows, "The Case of the Glass Coffin," were taped in both Central City and Nevadaville. the Nevadaville episode involved one of the old mines and an automobile chase down the dusty length of Main Street." *Central City and Gilpin County: Then and Now*. Robert Brown, Caxton Printers, 1994, pp 118.

The Question for September is:

- Q: "What was the *de facto* mining district law?"
- Members who submit the correct answer at the next meeting will receive a red ticket for the nugget drawings.

(Apologies to Nora for previously spelling her name as Norma! --ed)

Find of the Month/Year

By Doug Taylor, Finds Coordinator

We had a large response for the Find of the Month program; many club members have been busy searching out treasure this summer. **Bob Miosek** brought in raw gold from Oregon, **Pinie Conell** brought in two gold nuggets from Wyoming, and **Larry Weinau** had gold from North Clear Creek. **Joe Fortunato** had gold also; his came from a friend who had a bottle of black sand sitting in his shed for over six years. He gave the bottle to Joe who panned it out; he must have had close to a ounce of gold in the two bottles he displayed. **Larry Boyes** turned in a silver spoon he found while metal detecting in the woods and **Gale Herbertson** brought in an agate he found near Arby's on Colfax. **Roger Jones** brought in an unknown specimen from Clear Creek that looked like petrified dinosaur droppings. (It would be interesting to find out what this stuff is as we have had other members turn in the same stuff in years past and nobody knows what it is.) **Larry Weinau** brought in a beautiful aquamarine crystal he found at Whites Mountain using a three-prong hoe. When the votes were counted, **Pinie Conell** took the win for August with her two gold nuggets. It's sure exciting to see members getting out and finding beautiful treasures while enjoying the summer months. Keep it up--you never know where the mother lode may be hiding.

Welcome

New Members and Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

We had four new individuals/families sign up as members at the August meeting: **Ron Catton**, **Steve Matti** & his daughter **Allison**, **Ronnie McLain**, and **Matt Schreiner** & his sister **Lisa Berta**. We also received several new memberships by mail: **Bobbie & Carrie Breeden**, **Frank & Barbara Conte**, and **Joe & Linda Lewis**. Guests at the August meeting included: **Dorothy Black**, **Joe Fowler**, **Tom Hebert**, **Roger Jones**, **Adam Lanham**, **Jocelyn McComb**, **Dewey Morgan**, and **Paul Nagy**.

Remember, as we state in the About section on our website, "Interested individuals and families may attend a club meeting with guest status. Active membership is required for further participation in club meetings, activities, and nugget drawings."

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mining history that abounds in the Leadville area.

The TV news has recently reported two incidents of people being struck by lightning. One of them was able to tell his story, the other one was not so lucky. Keep alert and keep safe.

Our club received a very nice "thank you" letter from McKee Medical Center Foundation, thanking us for our contribution of \$193.36 that was collected at our July meeting. Thank you all for your generosity.

GPR received special recognition in the *Rocky Mountain News*, "Spotlight Section," on Saturday August 2, with two pages dedicated to gold panning information and photos of some of our panning demos. Special thanks to **Ken Barker** and his team of volunteers who made this possible. Shortly after this exposure, Ken had the pleasure of working with Channel 2 morning reporter, Dan Daru. Ken and Dan met at 70th and Washington at 5:30 a.m. for a "live remote" featuring GPR and teaching the fine art of panning for gold. **Jeff & Donna Mosteller** were present for this very early event. I believe everyone had a great time, even though Dan threw \$150 worth of gold back into the creek. I don't know how Ken avoided getting the "Dan Daru kiss" but that is a story for another time.

Thanks to the following members who have volunteered to fill some important positions in the club: **Rick Miska** will be handling the Find of the Month/Year program, **Donna Mosteller** will become club Treasurer, **Joe Shubert** will be heading the Nominations Committee, **Dick Oakes** will be taking over the Library-History-Video Committee, and **Ken Barker** will coordinate the Prospecting Committee. **Doug Taylor** has done an excellent job with the Find of the Month/Year program but has decided it is time to allow someone else to carry on this worthwhile program. Thanks for getting it started, Doug! **Jill Eads** has decided to move on with other endeavors. Jill has been our treasurer and drawings coordinator for some time and has done a great job at keeping our bills paid. Jill will be with us through September; be sure to tell her thanks.

Please check the GPR Events Calendar and try to attend as many outings and panning demos as you can.

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

ADVERTISING

in *The Gold Nugget*

Commercial Ads

Business Card Size	\$ 6
Quarter-Page	\$ 12
Half-Page	\$ 24
Full-Page	\$ 48

Non-commercial Classifieds

Non-business Classifieds Free to GPR Members

Send ad copy to
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 (deadline last day of the month prior to publication)
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The Gold Nugget

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We meet at the Lloyd G. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado, on the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. sharp to educate members about gold prospecting and gold prospecting rules, review old and new products, coordinate outings, participate in drawings for door prizes and nuggets, socialize with like-minded friendly folks, and promote the pursuit of gold.

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MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

SMALL HOUSE FOR SALE

This 2-bedroom house in Bonanza, Colorado, has a large kitchen, storage room, wood stove for cooking, and an electric heater. There is, however, no water available, but **prospecting hunting are allowed**. \$18,000 (Negotiable/Trade). Contact Teena Swisher, (303) 428-5696, Ext. 237 (Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

TRAILER FOR SALE

Trailer made from a white half-ton Ford pickup bed (don't know year) with 15-inch tires and two-inch ball. \$125.00. Contact Rick Miska, (303) 404-2897, RichardM@imrgold.com



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Pages from the Librarian

By Dick Oakes, Library-History-Video Coordinator

In August, while in the process of cataloging our club library materials, which should include library, history, and video items, I found that several books and videos are missing and there are no GPR historical items. Because we had no catalog and are missing items for which we have no cards, we don't even know what some the items actually are. Please check your books and videos to see if you might have the following (they will have a sticker with either Video#XX or Book#XXX, with the number larger than the accompanying text, maybe highlighted in yellow):

- Video #2 (Unknown title but probably a GPR outing tape)
- Video #3 (Unknown title but probably a GPR outing tape)
- Video #20 (Unknown title)
- Video #24 GPR: Workshop on Amalgamation using a Retort, Nitric Acid, & Hydroflouric Acid, 54 mins.
- Video #26 GPR: Best of GPR Guest Speakers: BLM, Filing Claims, 43 mins., AND Steve Cychosz, MicroSluice & Gold Wheel, 12 mins., AND Amalgamation, Steve Cychosz, 20 mins.
- Book #112 Gold: A Beginners handbook & Recreational Guide, Joseph Petralia, 1980, \$8.95.
- Book #115 (Unknown title)

In addition, there are 10 videos and 11 books that were checked out but appear to not have been returned. For most of these we have the cards but for some there is no name on the card. I have tried to contact most of these folks, but I have no information on some, who may have been guests or the membership information was not passed on. Does anyone have contact information for Otto Feiler or Chad Villegas? If so, please let me know!

All this being said, I would like to have a library table set up at the meetings in September, October, and November. Because I'll be manning the membership table, to take care of the library table **I NEED A VOLUNTEER LIBRARIAN** who can be available to take over as committee coordinator for a year beginning in January. If you are that active participating club member on whom we can count to handle our library, please let



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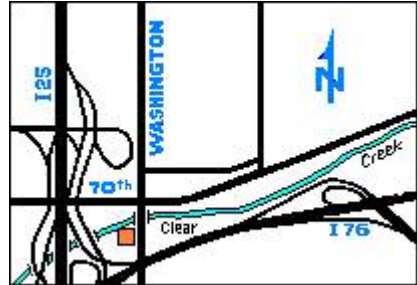
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 me know!

If you purchased one of the GPR videos in past years, please contact me and let me know which you have. I'm asking you to donate your copy, using it as a future master and give you back a copy, if that's okay with you. At one time, we not only loaned out copies of our GPR outing masters through the library, but made copies available for sale. Also, we had purchased many of the commercially available videos to use as masters, loaning out only a copy from our library. If you have any commercial videos, that you no longer need, please consider donating those, too.

Please go through your prospecting-related books and donate any that you can to the club for the edification and enjoyment of current and future members. Donations will be acknowledged in the newsletter and with the donor's name in the books or on the videos. Books added this month are *GPS Made Easy* (donated by **Randy Solomon**); *Colorado's Lost Gold Mines*, *Colorado Ghost Towns*, *Handbook of Colorado Meteorites*, *The Great Pikes Peak Gold Rush* (all four donated by **Dick Oakes**); as well as *Principal Gold-*

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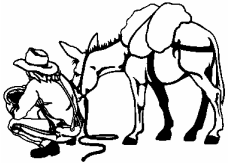
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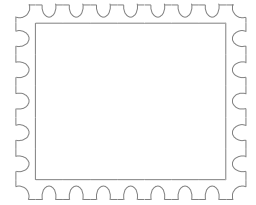
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Speaking of historical items, if you still have any fliers, newspaper clippings, please consider donating those, too.



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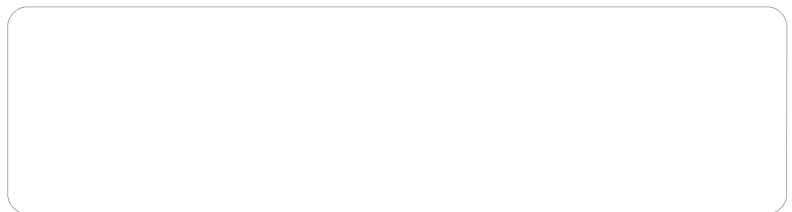


DATED MATERIAL

Please check the **date** on your label to see the last month you may renew your GPR membership and continue your subscription to *The Gold Nugget* without interruption. Thanks, and happy prospecting!

- Renew today** **Last newsletter**

FIRST CLASS



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Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks. The miners who found this sliver mine were a real hearty group of people. The trip up the mountain was great. What a wonderful panorama is revealed as you drive along. Woops! I wasn't supposed to be watching the view--I was the one driving! Anyway, it was great. We only had one problem: as we drove along we lost sight of the lead vehicle and missed our turn and four vehicles wound up driving all the way to the top of the mountain! What a sight, looking down on Kite Lake, seeing two other 14,000-foot mountains as well as the views in all directions. I told people we could say we had climbed a fourteener, just not to say that we climbed it in a four-wheel-drive vehicle!

As we started back down the mountain, we finally found our missing vehicle and once again headed for the Dolly. This was a trip that just was not going to happen. It began to rain and hail on our little convoy and the road was just getting worse by the minute, so we all agreed that the best thing to do was head back to the ranch and get lunch.

After arriving at the ranch, the rain had followed us and we all wound up inside fixing lunch. There was not any mining done on Saturday. Saturday night we fixed the potluck dinner and had all types of goodies--to many to even talk about.

Sunday, I got up and started the coffee and had a raisin roll and waited for the others to awake. When a majority of the group was awake, we began to make pancakes and eggs and ham slices and all the good breakfast things you need before you head out for a long day working. After breakfast we all got together and decided that we would get down to the river and see what we could find.

The work of getting everything together and loading it on the trailer and the taking it and a few people at a time to the river and then making another trip and then another took a while, but we finally

managed it. All those brave souls began to work for the gold.

A couple of us drove up to another mine to see what kind of rocks we might find. What we found was a lot of nothing and then the rains came. We headed back to the ranch only to find all of the people that had gone to the river were also heading back to the ranch.

We then decided that this would be as good a time as any to have lunch. The weather didn't look as though it was going to give us a break, so we decided that this was a good a time to thank our hosts, brothers **Dale and Gale Herbertson**.

Many of you who read this may think this was not a very good trip to the mountains. You would, however, be very wrong! All of the folks who were there will tell you that just getting away for the weekend to such a great spot in Colorado was the best thing in the world. I would like to add that we had some new club members at this outing and in talking with them found they all had a great time.

Many thanks to all of you for your participation and the friendship that you showed to each and every one at this outing. I can't wait until we do this again!

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than that to get rich in my lifetime. Soon as the weather cools I will go to (Henton, population not much). Lincoln is said to have stopped there overnight when riding circuit from Shelbyville to Springfield. According to historical notes at the Shelby County courthouse, the site is known to have been a stage coach stop, hotel, livery stable, and general store with a church next door. Ought to be a lot of rusty nails and worn out horseshoes (also rusty). If I hit the blacksmith shop scrap pile, any one of those rusted horseshoes could have come off Lincoln's horse! That fact alone should sell them on eBay.

Don Dixler, Savoy, Illinois