



# The Gold Nugget

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## **Georgetown Loop RR to Close at End of 2004 Season!**

### **Convenient Access to Lebanon Silver Mine Placed in Peril!**

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### **The Prez Sez**

By Gary Hawley, President

**Greetings to all Gold Prospectors of the Rockies members!**



The weather has produced some interesting afternoons lately. Thunderstorms, wind, hail, tornados, cool temps, and warm temps. Ahhh, Colorado! Something for everyone and sometimes, all in the same day. Keep aware of conditions as you venture out to your favorite prospecting area and be prepared.

Here is a reminder for everyone who wants a place to go prospecting. We can continue to prospect in Clear Creek Canyon, from Tunnel #1 to the wye that connects Hwy. 6 to Hwy. 119. This is Jefferson County Open Space land and

there are a few rules to be aware of: 1) Park in designated parking areas and obey any posted time limits. 2) Dig/dredge within the confines of the stream. 3) Do not remove anything other than fish and the gold you find. You will be subject to a fine if you attempt to take rocks or boulders home with you). 4) Fill your holes. 5) Remove trash. 6) Don't refuel your gasoline engine while it is in the stream.

The club has a "Small-Scale Miners Code of Ethics." Follow that code and the other rules I mentioned and you should have no problems. If you are contacted by any enforcement official about your mining activities, be polite, follow their directives, and contact me or another Board Member as soon as possible so information can be shared with other members.

This area of Clear Creek is rich in mining history and is a known gold producer. You will have access to several miles of stream bed to prospect and that should keep everyone busy for this summer.

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### **July Speaker Set**

By Allen Mershon



Guy Johnson, Exhibit Coordinator for the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation, will speak at our July 21, 2004, GPR meeting about Front Range Mining. He will also tell us about how wealth is generated in America and show a five-minute video.

Since 1995, the Colorado Mining

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### **VP's Corner**

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

**The Summer season is just around the corner!**



July is here and I hope we get some good weather out of it. First off I wish to thank all who have taken part in the Panning Demonstrations! I'm happy to see some new faces in the booth. This month we will be attending the 3rd and 4th of July in Central City; country singer Lanny Garrott will be on stage Saturday, July 3rd--fun! We need more

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## **Join Us on the Third Wednesday!**

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## Georgetown Loop RR & Lebanon Mine

### An Unbreakable Impasse

The Colorado Historical Society, after reaching an impasse with the Georgetown Loop Railroad, Inc., the family-controlled business that owns the unique trains, equipment, tools, and most importantly, the expertise to run it all, will cease operations at the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park at the end of their 30th season on October 3, 2004.

The same family owns and operates year-round the Royal Gorge Route Railroad in Canon City. The family expects to add a third rail to the Royal Gorge Route, creating a narrow-gauge track that will accommodate the locomotives and rolling stock currently used in Georgetown.

### The Georgetown Loop Railroad



The history of the Georgetown Railroad dates back to 1877 when silver was discovered in the mountains west of Denver. In an effort to reach the mines, early railroads began construction, first to Golden, extending up Clear Creek Canyon with the intention of extending into the rich mining town of Leadville. The line never reached its goal and instead the railroad provided freight and passenger service to the mining camps between Denver and Silver Plume.

The train travels between the towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, both rich in mining and railroad history, through the same spectacular Colorado mountain scenery that visitors of yesteryear enjoyed.

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Exhibit Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, has organized funding for, and coordinated a large public education exhibit at the Festival of Mountain and Plain (commonly called "The Taste of Colorado") festival in downtown Denver over Labor Day weekend. Drawing more than 400,000 each year, the exhibit has gold panning for kids and more than 20 hands-on displays and multi-media activities. There are short presentations made, such as "Rocks On Your Face," and videos are shown.

Gold panning exhibits are set up outside of the exhibit's 12- x 12-m (40- x 40-ft) tent. Panners get to keep the gold flakes salted into the stream gravel. The Foundation operates on the principle that "you must entertain to educate the public" (a good motto for our own GPR Demonstrations Committee to adopt and advocate). Inside the tent, more than 200 volunteers from several mining-related companies and organizations explain mining's history in Colorado and its importance to society.

The Foundation is supported by Betty Gibbs' Computer Science Learning Center (with interactive, multimedia computer displays of exploration, and mining software) and the Denver Mining Club, among many other organizations.

The traveling display features video and computer demonstrations, ore and coal samples, plus graphics of reclamation successes. Free education material is handed out to teachers, home-schoolers, librarians, Scout leaders, and civic groups. The teacher kits include videos, CDs, posters, coloring books, rock samples, and more. More than 2,000 kits have been distributed each year.

The Foundation has had displays at many venues, including the Denver Zoo, the Denver Botanic Garden's Chatfield Nature Preserve, the Colorado Earth Day Project, and at fairs, expos, and the like.

The cost for exhibit construction, tent rental, insurance, security (24-hour armed guards), electricity, etc. runs a staggering \$30,000 to \$50,000. The money, materials, and volunteers are provided by local, state and national mining organizations as well as several mining companies. In all, more than 15 organizations work together to bring about the exhibit and nearly 15 companies donate funding for their annual project.

If you would like to help with funds, displays, large mineral samples, and/or volunteer time (for example, for a 4 hour shift on one display day, such as to help with the gold panning), Guy Johnson would appreciate hearing from you.

Phone (303) 969-0365 or fax (303) 716-0503 or e-mail GPJ222@aol.com.

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**Shawn & Pinie Conell** have initiated the "GPR Cache" with the first clue given at the June meeting. You must attend the meetings to get the clues. There will be a prize valued at \$150 awarded to the club member who finds the target!

The panning demos are going great and everyone involved is having a good time. Check with Jeff to see when the next demo is and volunteer some time to help.

**Allen Mershon** again provided an exceptionally interesting speaker, Al Mosch, owner of the Phoenix Gold Mine, at the June meeting. I am excited to see who will be there in July.

The club needs a volunteer to assist **Sue Clover** with planning and promoting our annual outing. She needs help with selecting a date, location and some activities for the outing. Sue cannot do it alone and it is always more fun and productive when several people work together.

There are so many members doing such great jobs of helping and promoting the GPR that I fear missing someone who has earned recognition for their efforts. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and I thank you!

I will be leading a Black Hawk/Central City tour Sunday, August 22. This will be a full day of fun in a historic mining district. More information will be available at the July and August meetings and a map will be published in the August edition of the Gold Nugget. Be sure to check the GPR events calendar for other activities and get involved with the ones of your choice.

By the way, **Kathy Hawley** got her newsletter article to **Dick Oakes**, editor of *The Gold Nugget*, before I had a chance see what she selected for the July nugget drawing. She has been selecting those nuggets that are over 2.0 grams and I can't stop her (not that anyone has asked me to). When you come to the July meeting, someone please check the nugget box and tell me what to expect...especially what number has the largest nugget.

The latest shirt order has just arrived and will be available at the July meeting. There are three new items available that I am sure you will be proud to wear.

Attend the meetings, get involved, and help keep the GPR the Number One prospecting club along the Front Range.

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



GPR Events Calendar					
Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Honcho
Jul	3-4	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	Freedom Festival, Visitors Center, Main Street, Central City, (800) 542-2999 Panning demos both days: 11-4	Jeff Mosteller
	10	7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	National Costumers Association Meeting, DIA Holiday Inn, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, (303) 371-9494	Jeff Mosteller
	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation: "Front Range Mining"	Guy Johnson
	24-25	12:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*	Panning Demo	Buffalo Bill Days, Golden *Panning demos both days: Sat. 12-4, Sun. 1-4	Jeff Mosteller
Aug	18	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	14-15		Event	Gold Rush Days, Buena Vista	
	14-15	9:00 a.m.	Tour	Mining Tour, Black Hawk and Central City. Meet at Lions Park, Golden (early!).	Gary Hawley
Sep	4-6	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	Labor Day Celebration, Visitors Center, Central City, (800) 542-2999. Panning demos all three days: 11-4	Jeff Mosteller
	15	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
	17-19		Event	37th Annual Denver Gem & Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart, Expo Hall, 451 E. 58th Ave. (at I-25), Denver. Adults \$5, Teens \$3, Seniors \$3, Kids free. Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5	
Oct	3		Panning Demo	Pumpkin Festival, Four Mile Historical Park, Denver	Jeff Mosteller
	20	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Nov	17	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Presentation:	
Dec	15	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	Christmas Potluck Dinner Meeting	Gary Hawley

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

**PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PANNING DEMOS ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE START TIME.**

**Gary Hawley's Historic Black Hawk and Central City Tour is slated for August 22, 2004. Be sure to see the article coming up in the August issue of The Gold Nugget.**

### One-Pound Nugget!

By Don Ditzler

While detecting on a schoolyard, I got a signal and eventually dug down some ten inches through wood chips, a gravel layer, and into six inches of clay. There I discovered a nugget weighing more than a pound--a lead nugget valued at probably no less than five cents. While I was pleased with the find it seemed to lack the thrill of unearthing a one pound slug of gold. Really, it's awfully hard to get excited over lead nuggets, but I will lay it away with other unusual finds. Perhaps if I cover it with gilt paint it may be more attractive.

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Although just two miles separate the two towns, the elevation difference is over 600 feet. The rail line twists and turns over 4 1/2 miles of track to gain the elevation and travels over the Devil's Gate Viaduct, 300 feet long and almost 100 feet high, that forms a spiral where the track actually crosses over itself, as well as the reconstructed Devil's Gate High Bridge, completed 20 years ago, which stands 95 feet above Clear Creek. Passengers at the turn of the century hailed the railroad as the "far famed Loop," a marvel of engineering skill and the world's most complex railroad loop.

The round-trip train ride takes approximately one hour and 10 minutes.



### The Lebanon Silver Mine

An optional silver mine tour with an additional fee operates through Labor Day.

Currently, the Lebanon Silver Mine can be accessed only by the Georgetown Loop Railroad. With the closing of the railroad at the end of 2003, thoughts are to create a hiking trail to the mine. Without train access, however, the Lebanon will be effectively cut off from an overwhelming percentage of the people who would have visited the historic mine site.

Colorado Historical Society guides lead tours through the mine, show the mine manager's office, the change room (also called a "dry"), and the blacksmith shop and tool shed. Hard hats are provided but comfortable walking shoes are recommended and, because the mine is a constant 44 degrees

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## Notes from GPR Meetings of June 16, 2004

### Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

#### Roll Call

*In Attendance:* Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Pinie Conell, Joe Shubert, Sue Clover, Shawn Conell, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon, Terry Weatherly.  
*Unable to Attend:* Ken Oyler.

#### Quorum Present?

Yes.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as corrected.

#### Treasurer's Report

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

#### Correspondence

Membership renewal and advertisements.

#### Committee Reports

*Report:* Drawings, Outings, Monthly Q&A, Club Store, Dowsing, Panning Demos, Prospecting, Metal Detecting, Refreshments, Speakers, Bylaws, S.O.P., Membership, Newsletter, Website, Publicity, and Advertising.

*No Report:* Library H&V, Vendors, Monthly Q&A, Nominating, Ken Barker Award, Find of the Month/Yr.

#### Unfinished Business

*Club Trommel.* Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

*C.A.N.P.O. Update.* Hank Innerfeld. Information was given to Gary. Possible discussion at next meeting.

*Logo Items.* Gary Hawley. Shirts with new logo were ordered but did not arrive in time for this meeting. They should be here for next meeting.

#### New Business

*Central City Panning Demos.* Gary Hawley. A problem was experienced with obtaining payment and meal tickets on a timely basis. This may have been a one-time problem. However, Jeff and Gary have discussed the situation and will communicate our stand on this issue to Central City officials.

*Colorado Cache Hunt.* Shawn & Pinie Conell. Shawn was authorized to select a package of mining products, value to \$150, as winning prize of the hunt.

#### Planned Outings

See "GPR Events Calendar" in the newsletter and on the website.

#### Announcements

*Arvada Gold Rush Festival:* Gary Hawley. Compliments to Jeff & Donna Mosteller, and all the volunteers, for the long hours of hard work put into making the Arvada Gold Rush Festival a success.

*Next Board Meeting:* July 21, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

*Next General Meeting:* June 21, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

*Tonight's general meeting program:* Al Mosch, owner of the Phoenix Gold Mine, and miner Rocky Quinn to share some mining experiences.

#### Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



### General Meeting

by Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order and the members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Hawley asked for volunteers to help Sue Clover with the annual outing, usually held in August.

Regarding the club having its own claims, Gary mentioned the high cost and hassle of this, along with the need to deal with government agencies and retain expensive legal counsel. He reminded us that the club does have more or less reliable prospecting areas such as 70th Avenue at Washington Street, the Jefferson County Open Space in Clear Creek Canyon, and Dennis O'Neill's Twin Lakes property where you pay to dredge. The Phoenix Mine offers panning only for a small charge. Members may enjoy themselves at these locations where the club will not have legal liability. Gary mentioned that there are claims for sale in the club newsletter should any member care to obtain any and perhaps make them available for club use. Finally, there will be instructions for locating and filing claims in Colorado at the Argo Mine rally. Larry Weilnau mentioned that legal liability would remain with the club even if unauthorized non-members cause damage on club's claims. Shirley Weilnau noted reclamation and re-seeding costs are high. It was moved, seconded, and passed by majority vote of the members present that no claims be obtained at this time.

Allen Mershon thanked all who helped with Arvada Gold Rush Festival and gave each a jar of concentrates in appreciation. Included were J. and D. Mosteller, G. and K. Hawley, D. Oakes, L. and S. Weilnau, L. Lamgo, C. Douthard, E. Finney, H. Innerfeld, and P. Nagy. V.P. Jeff Mosteller thanked all who helped at the Arvada Days panning demo. The club was on TV in the early a.m. He asked for volunteers to sign up for the panning demos at the Bemis Library on 19 June and the Argo Mine on 26 and 27 June. Gary Hawley mentioned that panning demos are a public service to promote the club and to educate the public. He also thanked all those who helped at Arvada Days.

The club will limit the number of panning demos because of the work load to key members. For example, Jeff Mosteller worked 17 hours on Saturday. A demo at Leadville is a possibility.

There will be an impromptu club outing on Sunday, 20 June. Those interested meet at 9:00 a.m. at the gas station on Highway 119 to prospect in Clear Creek. Bring your prospecting gear. Gary added that at the outing there will be free instruction on high banking, sluicing, panning, etc. Be reminded that the maximum dredge intake permissible is three inches in diameter.

Gary Hawley said that an additional order has been placed for shirts and other club logo items because of high demand. Items ordered should be available at next month's meeting.

Dick Oakes said that tickets for a prize drawing might be awarded in the future to members who wear their yellow plastic club badges (the Board still has to vote on this). For those who have lost their badges, replacement badges are available for \$10.00.

Shawn Conell gave the first clue for the GPR Colorado Cache Hunt puzzle.

Gary Hawley described some of the prizes for the night's drawing, including 2.4 and 2.2 gram nuggets, and invited members to buy tickets. He also suggested that tickets be bought before the meeting to avoid the last minute rush.

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## Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

### Nugget Drawings

2.4 gram nugget.....	Corky Frandsen
2.2 gram nugget.....	Randy Solomon
2.2 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
1.7 gram nugget.....	Don Dixon
0.9 gram nugget.....	Randy Solomon
0.8 gram nugget.....	Don Fling
0.8 gram nugget.....	Chris Ryan
0.7 gram nugget.....	Don Fling
0.7 gram nugget.....	Don Fling
0.6 gram nugget.....	Don Dixon
0.6 gram nugget.....	Ed Finney
0.4 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo

### Door Prize Drawings

0.2 gram nugget.....	Joe Shubert
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(Donated by **Randy Solomon**)

## The Q&A

By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

The **Question for June** was:

Q: What famous Colorado meat lover was paroled on January 7, 1901, by Governor Charles Thomas?

A: Alferd (Alfred) Packer.

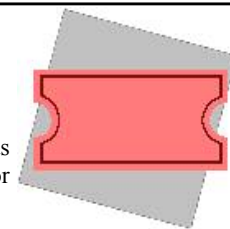
Source: *The Coloradans* by Robert G. Athearn, Softcover, 430 pp., University of New Mexico Press, 1976, Page 205.

The **Question for July** is:

Q: If you were a late 1800's miner in Pandora Colorado, and you were on your way to the Smuggler Union mines, what road were you likely to travel on?

*Google search:* road pandora smuggler colorado

Members who submit a correct answer to this question at the next meeting will receive a ticket for the nugget drawing.



## This Month's Birthdays

The following GPR members were born this month. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

**Pinie Conell, Johnny Crumley, Susan Davis, Chris Ryan, Johnny Brocato, Ed Glendenning, Chuck Harris, Carol Jarnutowski, Russell Kreutzer, Pete Krumpon, Rose Medich, Allen Mershon, Judy Meyer, Paul Nagy, Bob Sissons, Joe Stenger, Wolf Stumpf, Teena Swisher.**



*Born in this month but you're name isn't here? Contact the Editor!*

## From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to **Randy Solomon** for donating a gold nugget for the June door prize drawing.

Thanks also to **Donna Mosteller** for helping me with the ticket sales on such short notice. I appreciate all the members' continued support of ticket sales. It is your support that allows us to bring you the beautiful gold nuggets for the drawings. Speaking of gold nuggets, we will again have Anvil Creek, Nome, Alaska, gold at the July meeting. The largest nugget will be 2.3 GRAMS (don't tell Gary) and five nuggets will be over 1 GRAM EACH!

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and **Good Luck!**

## Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller, Refreshments Coordinator

I'm wore out from the Argo Show, which was great by the way, so this will be short and sweet. Thanks go to **Shirley Weilnau** for the trail mix and grapes, **Hank Innerfeld** for the banana bread, **Ed Finney** for the Mountain Man trail mix, and **LeRoy Lamgo** for the early 4th of July cake and Twinkies.

No old recipe for this month. See you at the meeting.

## Welcome New Members and Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

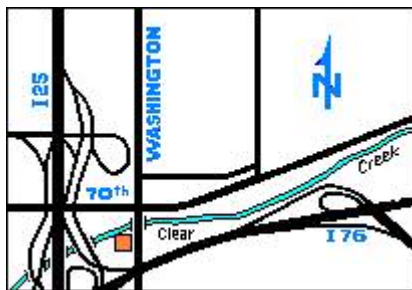
Joining the GPR in June was **Rod Meyers**.

Our June guests included **Bob Rover**, and **Harold Spicer**.

Also joining us for Al Mosch's talk were former members **Richard & Betty Fling, Corky Frandsen** and **Leonard Leeper**. Corky even won one of our gold nuggets!

Remember, 2nd-time guests are expected to join the club.

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## The Gold Nugget

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Membership in the GPR is \$40 the first year and \$30 each subsequent year for an individual or family and includes a one-year subscription to *The Gold Nugget*, one name tag, and membership cards for all family members. Additional badges may be purchased.

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.

Deadline for all newsletter submissions is five days before the month of publication. Single issues are \$3.00 per copy (postpaid).

Dick Oakes, Editor, goldnugget@phantomranch.net.

## 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. Prospecting and 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.

### MILE HIGH DOWSERS

A chapter of The American Society of Dowsers. Meets first Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Clements Comm. Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Mark Starr Bldg., Lakewood. Dowsing practice at 7:00 p.m. (303) 962-6565. \$5

### TRAILER FOR SALE

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

### 2 GOLD MINING CLAIMS FOR SALE OR TRADE

Each is 10 acres on Beaver Creek below Beaver Creek Park, good access road, mineral rights only (on USFS land), "Golden Bridge" claim #251958. \$1,000 each or \$1,600 for both or trade for a really good 4WD 3/4-ton pickup. Alan Hamaker, (303) 579-7978 or (303) 582-1771 Ext. 7259

### 2 GOLD MINING PROPERTIES FOR SALE

"Two Sisters" - 1.57 acres and "Clara Maria" - 1.65 acres, Central City. Property owned, therefore all land, mineral, and water rights included. Power poles 10 ft. away. Alan Hamaker, (303) 579-7978 or (303) 582-1771 Ext. 7259

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Proline 2-1/2-inch dredge with 4hp Honda and air compressor. Includes quick-release hoses, swivel nozzle, and double sluice for fine gold recovery. Great condition, low hours. Will sell for \$900 with air compressor or \$800 without. Steve Cychosz, 303-423-6260

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco. ~Will Rogers

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Scotts Riding Mower, heavy duty, 48" deck, 20 HP, \$750. Contact Rose Ann or Jon Knight, (303) 450-0580 or (303) 252-1759

### WANTED: KEENE 4-INCH DREDGE

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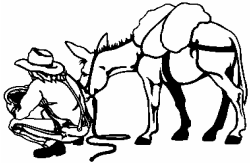
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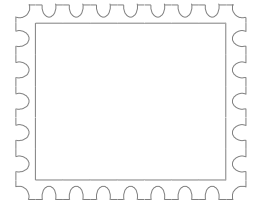
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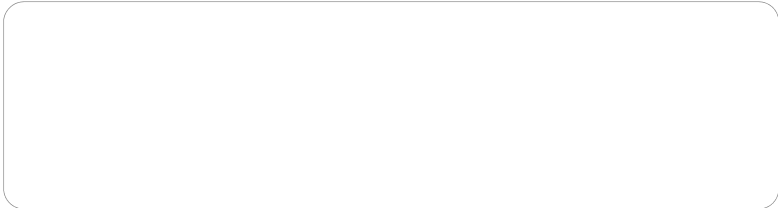
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 F., a jacket or sweater is a must.  
 The walking tour lasts about an hour and twenty minutes. The combination train and mine tour takes two and one half-hours to complete.

**Departures and Reservations**

Trains depart daily from two departure points, one at Silver Plume and one at Georgetown (Devil's Gate). Train reservations are taken for Devil's Gate departures only. Train rates are \$16.50 for adults and \$11.25 for children ages 3-15. Children under 3 are free when sitting on a parent's lap.

Reservations for the mine tour are accepted for Silver Plume departures only, but you can obtain walk-in tickets at Georgetown. Rates are in addition to the train-ride fee and are Adults \$5.00 and Children \$3.00. Note that the mine tours are only available through the first week of September.

For more information on the historic Georgetown Loop Railroad with departure times and a history of the area (including the Lebanon Silver Mine), visit their website [www.georgetownloop.com](http://www.georgetownloop.com). For reservations and information call (303) 569-2403.

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 people to show up. I only have two signed up on the roster, so please try to come up and lend a hand. I hear they put on a great fireworks show.

Secondly, we received word from an excited woman at the Astor House in Golden who didn't know the name of the contact for this year's panning demonstrations. It looks like we'll be attending the Buffalo Bill Days festival on July 24 and 25. I'll have the time tables worked out by meeting time.

Lastly, we had a spur-of-the-moment outing in North Clear Creek. Lots of people showed up and got to run my dredge. I think everybody carried away some gold that day and Mile Marker 3 on Hwy. 119 looks like a spot we will have to revisit when the water goes down a bit. **Allen Mershon** got to see the ugly side of a pry bar that day, which reminds me to say, "Be careful out there!" It's easy to get hurt when you are moving big rocks in the river channel.

See every body at the meeting.

Today's subliminal message is: " " "  
 Tubby or not tubby, fat is the question!  
 (Clichés are a dime a dozen.)

*(Continued from General Meeting, page 4)*  
**Allen Mershon** introduced speakers Al Mosch and Rocky Quinn of the Phoenix Gold Mine. Al introduced Rocky as a 17 year-old honor student who was raised in a mountain cabin that had no indoor plumbing. Al is the owner of the Phoenix, which is an operating gold mine that also is open for tours. Al's son David, who was once diagnosed as developmentally disabled, became a graduate of, and is now a faculty member of, the Colorado School of Mines (CSM). He teaches at the Edgar Experimental Mine near the CSM campus. Al's wife was among the first female graduates of CSM. His daughter Cyndi is a professional caver and has been employed, for example, by the federal government at the Carlsbad Caverns National Park where she has spent up to three weeks at a time underground on mapping projects. Al's father, a German émigré, was a miner, mine owner, and finally Gilpin County Sheriff, which position he held for fifty years and which is believed to be a state law-enforcement record. Al otherwise entertained the club with mining lore and anecdotes of his own life as a small mine owner. Rocky Quinn mentioned that tours of the Phoenix Mine are \$10., seniors (+65) \$8, and gold panning (only) is \$5.

After the prize drawings, Gary adjourned the meeting.