



The Gold Nugget

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Mining Claims

Questions and Answers

By The Bureau of Land Management

The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

Greetings to all Gold Prospectors of the Rockies members!



Our Colorado weather has me confused. We are in a drought yet there is rain on a regular basis. I can't water my lawn except on a certain few days yet I am driving through deep water at intersections. What's up with this?

The good news is that the rain is washing more gold into the streams and ditches in gold bearing areas. Give it a day or two after a good rain then check your favorite prospecting area for new gold! Don't forget to use your metal detector to find those big nuggets that show up in old

dredge piles and along old mining roads. Be careful of private property and remember to fill any prospect holes.

The "GPR Cache" is gaining momentum with the second clue given at the July meeting. I almost know exactly where the target is! Well, more correctly, I know exactly where it isn't...that being the places I have looked.

Our July speaker, Guy Johnson, Exhibit Coordinator for the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation, gave some useful insight to the Foundation. I can appreciate the effort put into presenting their display at "The Taste of Colorado" festival in downtown Denver.

Sue Clover and Pinie Conell need assistance with planning and promoting our annual outing. They need to select a date, location, and activities for the outing. Here is your chance to have direct impact on a Club activity. Contact Sue or Pinie NOW and do your part for the Club.

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Question: Can I file a mining claim to get my own land in the mountains? (I read somewhere that BLM can sell me 20 acres of land for just \$20 for my exclusive use.)

Answer: No. A mining claim on public lands is a "possessory interest." This means that a mining claimant has a limited right to the location for mining or milling purposes only. No deed accompanies this right. It does not grant exclusive right to "vacation" or "fish" on the land to the claim holder. If the surface use is not otherwise encumbered, anyone may enter upon public lands for recreational purposes. Mineral claims are not a "homesteading program." The federal government requires an initial payment of \$135 to file a mining claim, followed by a

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

We're coming down to the end of an exciting year in the Demonstrations booth and I for one am glad. Now I can go and get some mining done for myself. As I said at the meeting last month, a big thank you to all of you who have been taking time out of your personal lives to help in the demos. Without you and your help, none of this would be possible. The club has received notice on both sides of the country, from the New York



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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

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

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

Information: (303) 933-1147

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

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GLRR Update: Good News!

By Julie Wedding, 12 July 2004



Unfortunately this past March, 2004, both parties -- the Colorado Historical Society and the Georgetown Loop Railroad, Inc. -- came to an impasse in contract negotiations. Some of the sticking points were insurance costs, building and Park maintenance, and parking.

The Colorado Historical Society is in the middle of a competitive and deliberative process to identify a vendor/operator for the 2005 season and forward. We feel we have a number of qualified candidates. The Colorado Historical Society has identified rolling stock that could be used on the tracks at the Park. Stay tuned to our Web site at www.coloradohistory.org for future developments.

2005 Season: To schedule a tentative booking for the 2005 Season (May to October, 2005) of the Georgetown Loop, please call the Colorado Historical Society at 303-866-3682 with your preferred date.

Julie Wedding is the Public Relations Director for the Colorado Historical Society.

"Slung" Coffee



The key to this version is a pot with a long bail. We made ours from a can with holes punched on each side below the rim, then poked the ends of a straightened wire clothes hanger through the holes to make the bail. Put the coffee and water in the pot, set on or in the fire, bring it to a boil, let it brew, then (here come the "slung" part) whirl it around so that the centrifugal force settles the grounds. It really works; the coffee is grounds-free as long as you don't get greedy and try to pour off that last little bit. Takes a little courage to try it the first time, but it's actually pretty safe, so long as you make sure you're not standing under low branches, etc.

By Ann Harwood, from the Web

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yearly maintenance fee of \$100, payable each year. In addition, each of the individual states or counties may have its own recording schedules and fee requirements that a prospective claim-holder would need to research.

Mineral title may be conveyed only with a valid discovery of a commercially profitable mineral deposit.

Contact the appropriate Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State Office, in the state in which you desire to locate a claim, for further information about filing locations within that State.

Information, from location of claims to patenting of mining claims, is available for each respective state in all BLM State Office Information Centers <<http://www.blm.gov/nhp/BLMinfo/ReadingRoom/InfoAccessCtr.html>>. This information may be obtained upon request and without charge from any BLM State Office.

E-mail the BLM Colorado Information Center msowa@co.blm.gov or phone 303.239.3600 for additional information.

More on Public Land Sales:

<<http://www.co.blm.gov/arethere.htm>>

Question: How do I locate a mining claim?

Answer:

1. Before you can locate a claim, you must determine if the lands are, in fact, open to location. You can find this out at any BLM office. No claims may be staked in areas closed to mineral entry under certain acts, regulations, or public land orders. We refer to these as withdrawn lands. The BLM Colorado State Office and field offices have appropriate land and mineral status maps and records for you to make this determination, and they are readily available for your inspection.

2. On lands open to location, you may prospect and properly locate claims and sites. If lands have already been claimed, you may want to find another location. The Colorado State Office maintains a record of these locations on their LR 2000 database.

3. If your parcel of land is open to location, the next step is staking the claim. Federal law specifies that claim boundaries must be distinctly and clearly marked to be readily identifiable. Colorado statutes have more detailed requirements for marking boundaries. For specific state requirements ask for Circular No. 3, available as a public document format file through the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology http://www.mining.state.co.us/mining_claims.htm.

4. Recordation of mining claims --

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The panning demos continue to be a great success. Several members have attended recent demos for their first time and appear to be hooked on the activity. Those who visit the panning booth receive some first-class instruction on panning and a lot of information about Colorado history and how gold affected the development of this area.

It appears that the latest arrival of polo shirts and vests with the club logo on them was a hit with most members. We nearly sold out of the fleece vests and the polo shirts. We are keeping the price very low on any garment you might purchase (one or two dollars over cost on most items, which in turn covers shipping costs). The intent was to have a good looking garment with a great looking logo that any member would be proud to wear.

I will be leading a tour of the Black Hawk and Central City mining area on Sunday, August 22. I have added five new stops on the tour this year so, if you haven't taken it for a while, you might consider joining me again. Look for more information and a map of the meeting place elsewhere in this edition of *The Gold Nugget*. There will be a sign-up sheet at the August 18 meeting.

Kathy tells me she has some special drawing prizes planned for the August meeting. Look for her article to see what she has planned. There also will be a "For Members Only" drawing in August. Kathy's article has all the details so be sure to read it and follow the directions or you will miss out on a prize. (I have an idea what the prize will be and I am going to follow the directions to-the-letter for this one!)

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Daily Times all the way to Hollywood. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

The Buffalo Bill Days demonstration in Golden went off without a hitch this year and for the first time since we've been doing this show the canopy did not get picked up and twisted out of shape or found upside down on Sunday morning.

We have two more regular demos to do in the "04" season: Central City's Labor Day festival, September 4, 5, and 6 in front of the Visitors Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (this is going to be a busy one), and the Pumpkin Harvest at Four Mile Historic Park in Denver on October 3rd. I don't have the times on latter one yet, but I'll get them for you before the event.

New for this year, we have been contacted by the Boulder Elks Club to do the Flatirons Mineral Club Show on November 20th and 21st. This will be a small show--just one table

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GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Honcho
Aug	14-15		Event	Gold Rush Days , Buena Vista	
	18	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	22	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	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	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	<i>Presentation:</i>	
Nov	17	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
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.

Black Hawk & Central City Tour Sunday, August 22, 2004

Gary Hawley, President of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies (GPR), will lead his great tour of the Historic Black Hawk and Central City Mining District on Sunday, August 22, 2004.

We will see and hear the history of: The Roscoe Placer, John Gregory's original gold mine (the one that started the 1859 gold rush to Colorado), the Boodle Mine, the ghost town of Nevadaville, the railroad system, several old historic cemeteries, and much more (we will NOT enter any mines).

Here's the plan:

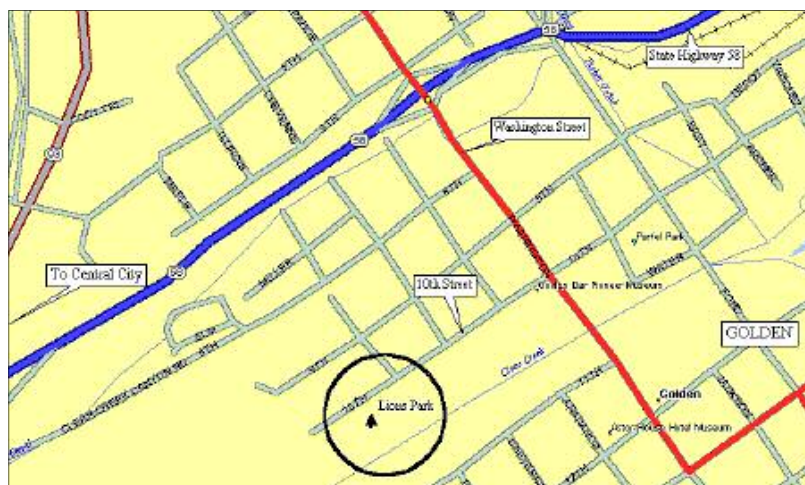
- 9:00 - Meet at Lions Park in Golden (see map).
- 9:30 - The tour leaves Golden.
- 12:00 - Tour the historic cemeteries.
- 1:00 - Picnic lunch.
- 1:30 - Head for Nevadaville.
- 3:00 - Tour ends in Central City.

For those of courage, Gary will lead you to Idaho Springs over the Oh! My God! Road. This will add about half an hour.

Bring a sack lunch, drinking water, binoculars, camera, etc. Be prepared for weather changes. Restroom facilities are limited. Note that food and drinks are NOT available for takeout in Black Hawk or Central City, so bring your own!

Gary would like to limit the number of vehicles on the tour so please carpool from Lions Park.

There will be a signup sheet at the August 18 meeting. Please sign the sheet and leave a phone number where you can be reached in the event of any last minute changes.



Map to Lions Park in Golden, Colorado

Joe Johnston Joins Board of Directors Unanimously elected at July Meeting

Longtime GPR member **Joe Johnston** was elected by the members of the Board of Directors to fill the Board's open slot. He assumes Board direction of the Trommel Committee, coordinated by Rick LaCombe.

Joe has actively aided several committees this year, including running the Pinpointing Contest at **Shawn & Pinie Conell's** detecting and prospecting outing on Clear Creek this year. Joe has filled in to help teach kids and their parents how to pan for gold on the Demonstrations Committee and was a member of the now aborted Claims Committee.

To the position Joe brings a level head and a keen sense of humor and we congratulate him for taking on this task for the club, which allows the president to once again have the Board's "tie breaker" vote.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

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 6:15 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

Membership renewals and applications. Other club's newsletters.

Committee Reports

Report: Drawings, Outings, Library H&V, Monthly Q&A, Club Store, Dowsing, Panning Demos, Prospecting, Nominating, Ken Barker Award, Metal Detecting, Refreshments, Speakers, Bylaws, S.O.P., Membership, Newsletter, Website, Publicity, and Advertising.

No Report: Vendors and Find of the Month/Yr.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

C.A.N.P.O. Update. Hank Innerfeld. Information was shared.

Hank is continuing his investigation and will have a report and suggestions at the August Board Meeting.

Central City. Jeff Mosteller. Contact has been made with Central City officials and the matter should be resolved soon.

Colorado Cache Hunt. Shawn & Pinie Conell. Target has not been found yet. Second clue to be given tonight.

New Business

Logo Items. Gary Hawley. New shirts with logo are here--several new styles. This may be the last order for awhile until preferences are determined.

Technical Question. Sue Clover. Sue will research.

Planned Outings

See "GPR Events Calendar" in the newsletter and on the website. Note that Gary Hawley's Black Hawk / Central City tour is on the 22nd, not the 14-15th as reported in the July newsletter calendar.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting: August 18, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: August 18, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Guy Johnson, Exhibit Coordinator for the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation, will speak.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



General Meeting

by Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Hawley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout and member, Mitchell McConnell.

Vice President Jeff Mosteller gave a summary of the success of recent planning demonstrations. At the Argo Mine Rally in Idaho Springs, club members were prominent in the speed-panning competition operated by Shirley & Larry Weinau. The best time was 17.02 seconds.

At the 4th of July weekend in Central City, participants enjoyed Lannie Garrett and other fine entertainers. On the day of the Bemis Library demonstration, rain forced us indoors. The costumers convention demonstration was a closed event. Jeff Mosteller emphasized that there is always fun, adventure, good fellowship, and surprises at the panning demonstrations and once again invited all members to come out and support the club in up-coming panning demos. No experience is required and there is no requirement for period attire or costumes of any sort. A sign-up roster is open for the panning demos at Buffalo Bill Days in Golden and for the Labor Day weekend in Central City.

A reality TV show, sponsored by Tyson Capital, selected gold panning as one of the show's activities and contacted the club for advice and leadership. Jeff Mosteller escorted them up Clear Creek Canyon to show them the ropes and set up the "shoot." It was a hot day and the show biz folks turned out not to be in the best of shape. One went down from heat exhaustion and the others were apparently disappointed to find that gold prospecting requires more physical effort than had been supposed. In the end, despite Jeff's time, trouble, and good intentions, gold panning was dropped from the show.

Gary Hawley mentioned that help is always needed setting up the panning demos. Sometimes a free meal is supplied, but this is not guaranteed because we are not always able to get a sufficient stipend for this.

Gary Hawley and Jeff Mosteller have developed an Old West gunfight routine for certain events. For this and for panning demos, volunteers are asked to sign up and leave phone numbers. Again, no real guns, blank guns, or knives at any club activities, please.

Gary & Kathy Hawley will represent the club at the Arvada city employee's annual picnic.

Rick Miska asked the historical question of the month and later announced the winners.

Sue Clover and Pinie Conell asked for suggestions and other input for the annual outing. Current planning is for a one-day event to improve attendance.

Dick & Carol Oakes donated a 5-gallon water cooler to the club.

Shawn Conell gave the clue of the month for the hidden cache. Finder receives \$150.00-worth of mining equipment.

Joe Johnston joins the club's Board of Directors.

Gary Hawley announced that he has completed the official procedure that assures the club non-profit status for the next year. There is copious paperwork and time required to do this.

Dick Oakes asked for volunteers to help with the Ghost Mine Tours at the Phoenix Gold Mine during two or three evenings around Halloween.

Allen Mershon introduced the evening's speaker, Guy Johnson, of the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation. The Foundation is

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove ... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.

~ Forest Witcraft

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Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.3 gram nugget.....	Joe Fortunato
1.4 gram nugget.....	Mitchell McConnell
1.3 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
1.2 gram nugget.....	Terry Weatherly
1.0 gram nugget.....	Henry Chambliss
0.9 gram nugget.....	Don Tiglas
0.8 gram nugget.....	Joe Fortunato
0.8 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
0.8 gram nugget.....	Don Tiglas
0.7 gram nugget.....	Jay Nunn
0.6 gram nugget.....	Debbie Lefor
0.5 gram nugget.....	Dick Oakes

Door Prize Drawings

Gold Detector Nugget Card.....	Roger Kruse
(Donated by Randy Solomon)	
Gold Detector Nugget Card.....	Don Tiglas
(Donated by Randy Solomon)	
Metal Detector.....	Mitchell McConnell
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Bracelet	Pinie Conell
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Fire Agate Necklace.....	<signature unreadable>
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Bead Necklace.....	Randy Solomon
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Citrine Nuggets	Cindy Douthard
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Invisible Cards	Harold Spicer
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	

The Q&A

By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

The **Question for July** was:

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?

A: The infamous Black Bear Road switches back up the face of Ingram Peak from the valley floor in Pandora.

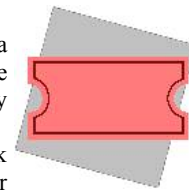
Source: *An Empire of Silver*, Robert Brown, Page 146

The **Question for August** is:

Q: The Rev George Darley built what is now known as the oldest house of worship (Presbyterian) on the Western Slope. In what town is it located?

Google search: "george darley" church "western slope"

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



From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to the following members for their donations for the July door prize drawings: **Randy Solomon**--two gold nugget metal detector test cards, and **LeRoy Lamgo**--a metal detector and jewelry.

In cooperation with the Membership Committee, there will be a special "Members Only" drawing at the August meeting. You will have to meet four criteria to have a chance at the special prize: 1) you must be present at the August meeting. 2) You must be a current (paid) member--check on your membership at the Membership table and receive a free special drawing ticket. 3) You must be wearing your GPR name badge. 4) You must have the winning membership ticket when the number is called. The August meeting will be a test run for this drawing and if it is successful I will pursue making it a permanent meeting night drawing. (That means I have to convince Gary so I need all of you to attend and participate.) I think you will be pleased with my prize selection for the first "Members Only" drawing.

I have really enjoyed the extra interest in the nuggets selected for our regular drawing. It is interesting to hear the discussions about what shapes are seen in the nuggets. I think they have awakened the vivid imaginations of all us prospectors.

With that in mind, come look at the August nuggets! I will again have Anvil Creek, Nome, Alaska gold. The largest nugget will be 2.6 GRAMS! (I haven't told Gary about this one.) And 4 other nuggets will be over 1 GRAM EACH!

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

This Month's Birthdays

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



Judy Cummins, Jim Davis, Bill Duncanson, Gary Duree, Mary Fortunato, Gary Hawley, Steve Homola, Ray Hudzik, Joe Johnston, LeRoy Lamgo, Joe Lewis, Matt Schreiner, David Schroth, Randy Solomon, Bart Waggoner.

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

Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller, Refreshments Coordinator

Thanks go to the usual. **Hank Innerfeld** for the Banana Bread and **LeRoy Lamgo** for the cake. This month's recipe is:

Thomas Jefferson's Simple Bread Pudding

Grate the crumb of a stale loaf, and pour on it a pint of boiling milk -- let stand an hour, then beat it to a pulp; add six eggs, well beaten, half a pound of butter, the same of powdered sugar, half a nutmeg, a glass of brandy, and some grated lemon peel - put a paste in the dish, and bake it.

Sounds simple. Until next time. *Donna*

Welcome New Members and Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

Joining the GPR last month were **Roger Kruse** and **Harold Spicer**. Our July attendees included **Ray Horton, Terry O'Donnell**, and **Paul Ralston**, who were guests of **Allen Mershon**.

Also joining us for Guy Johnson's talk was former member **Brian Berthelson**.

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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

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Each is 10 acres on Beaver Creek below Beaver Creek Park, good access road, mineral rights only (on USFS land), "Golden Bridge" claim #251958. **\$500** each or **\$800** for both. Alan Hamaker, (303) 579-7978 or (303) 582-1771 Ext. 7259

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THREE-WHEEL SCOOTER FOR SALE

Shuttle Personal Transport System, 3-wheel mobility scooter, good condition, \$950. Contact Rose Ann or Jon Knight, (303) 450-0580 or (303) 252-1759

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New Speedaire Compressor, 3PH-5HP, 80-gal tank, upright. Current model price is \$1,788, will sell now for \$950. Contact Rose Ann or Jon Knight, (303) 450-0580 or (303) 252-1759

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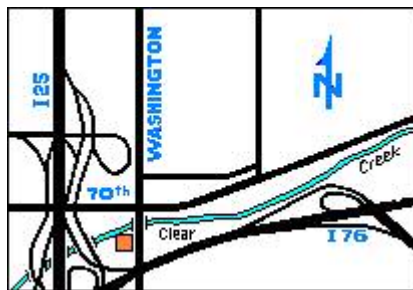
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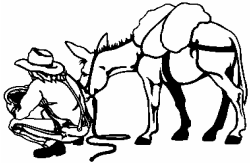
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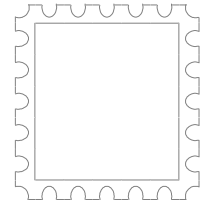


John J. Conway & Company, jewelers and bankers, advertised to receive gold dust and coin into \$2-1/2, \$5, and \$10 gold pieces. An unknown quantity of such coins was produced at its mint in Parkville, Summit County, during the late summer of 1861. These pieces bore distinctive designs which made them look more like tokens than coins. Conway & Co.'s gold issues were independently assayed at varying weights and finenesses, but they were not well received overall. The final straw was when the gold fields of Georgia Gulch began to run out, and Conway & Co.'s experiment with coinage lasted no more than about two months. Surviving examples are rare.

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 location certificates for claims and sites must be recorded with BOTH the county recorder's office as well as the Colorado State Office of the BLM. Briefly, the state's deadlines for locations are:

LODE CLAIMS: 3 months to monument, claim, and record location certificate with the county; and

PLACER CLAIMS: 30 days to monument, claim, and record location certificate with the county.

BLM's deadlines for location are:

ALL CLAIMS AND SITES: 90 days from date of location to record claims with the BLM Colorado State Office.

5. No specific form for location certificates is required, but the basic information can be found in Public Land Regulations at 43 CFR 3833.1. It can also be found in the circular Claims and Sites on Public Domain Lands available through the Colorado State Office address below. Each location or site must be accompanied by a \$10 non-refundable service charge, a \$25 non-refundable location fee, and the First Year's Maintenance Fee payment of \$100 for a total of \$135. A separate location notice is required for each claim or site recorded.

Fact Sheet for Waivers from Payment of Maintenance Fees <<http://www.blm.gov/nhp/>

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 and two tubs along with the History display. I'm hoping to get a few folks from that area so we can educate them on small scale prospecting and mining. I feel funny doing a show in a county that will not let people pan for gold in their creeks and rivers.

I hope to do another "In the creek day" the Saturday after the next meeting, I think that would be the 21st of August. You know the drill: gas station in the canyon on Highway 119, 9:00 a.m. We'll leave the station around 10:00 and have a day of it.

Well, I've got to get the oil changed in the pump so I'll end with, "See ya on the creek. Be careful out there."



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For additional information, contact the Colorado State Office Information Center, co_info@co.blm.gov or (303) 239-3600, the Mining Law/ Solid Minerals Adjudication Section at (303) 239-3782, or the field office where your claim is located.

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 sponsored by the Front Range mining community, which includes all the well-known technical, social, and political mining organizations.

The Foundation promotes not just mining but all science and informs the public about mining and science's contributions to modern life. In particular, it is the education of many children who have only a poor understanding of the real world, for example, where household electricity, metals, and cement actually originate. Also, the Foundation educates the many adults who do not realize mining's presence and influence, and very large contributions to state revenues.

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After the door prize and nugget drawings, the general GPR club meeting was adjourned.