

Denver's Geologic Setting

Where We Stand (or Would Have!)

By Paul Nagy

August's meeting program featured a video, owned by Gary Hawley, depicting the geologic evolution of the area now occupied by metro Denver.

In our brief tour of duty on earth, we imagine our surroundings to have been pretty much the same as they are now. But at various times in the geologic past, standing in Lakewood, Colorado, we would have been standing on a mountain top, on a dune in a windswept desert, at the bottom of a barren acidic ocean, in a sweltering mangrove swamp, floating in a warm salty inland sea, on a placid upland, in a tropical rain forest, shivering on a vast glacier, or in a field of exploding volcanoes amid a shower of hot ash and rivers of lava.

For company, had humans existed through it all, we would have shared our space with gigantic voracious fish, insects the size of hawks, horses the size of foxes, bears as large as delivery vans, towering reptiles, saber-toothed cats like oxen, and myriad bizarre creatures, monstrous and tiny, now lost to geologic time.

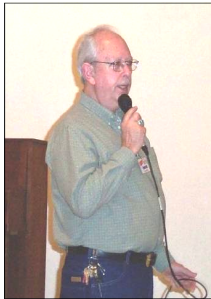
In a high-speed kaleidoscope of geologic history, the Rockies rise and fall twice, replaced by creeping oceans. Pegmatites, coarse granites, ooze up from the depths and then are exposed by erosion, showing their treasure of amethyst, garnet, and topaz. Gold deposits are employed, then

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

It's hard to believe but, as I write this, the end of August is less than a week away. Where did the summer go? One can already see the color changes in the trees; the sun sets noticeably earlier; school buses abound and the hot/cold temperature changes can catch you without notice. However, anytime the snow isn't here it's a good time to go prospecting!



NEWS FLASH! Well, at least something you need to know. The GPR Cache has been found! It was located several days after the August meeting. You'll have to come to the September meeting to hear the details of the find and to meet the skillful (read: lucky) locator. A new GPR Cache hunt is being planned so save your maps, GPS units,

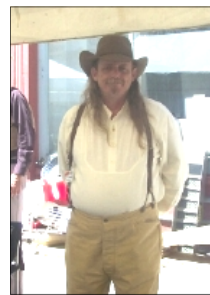
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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings!

On Saturday, August 6, Donna and I went up to the Colorado Panning Championships in Breckenridge put on by the Gold Prospectors of Colorado. And I thought we were getting big.



Their demo set up was four times the size of ours. Women's speed panning was the first event, Donna went up against twelve of Colorado's best and when the dust settled **Donna Mosteller** was in a tie off for third place. She panned quicker than her opponent and walked away with a third place bronze. Way to go!

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

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

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GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Coordinator
Sep	9	12:00p to 4:00p	Class	GPS (Global Positioning System) Class, Building 810, Federal Center. Info: 303-202-4640	
	16-18		Event	Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart	
	17-18		Panning Demo	Mother Lode Rodeo, Gilpin County Fairgrounds, Black Hawk, Colorado 230 Norton Drive, off Highway 46 (Golden Gate Canyon) Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Jeff Mosteller
	21	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i> Hank Innerfeld: Dowsing	Hank Innerfeld
Oct	1		Panning Demo	Rock Ledge Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado	Jeff Mosteller
	14	12:00p to 4:00p	Class	GPS (Global Positioning System) Class, Building 810, Federal Center. Info: 303-202-4640	
	19	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
Nov	11	12:00p to 4:00p	Class	GPS (Global Positioning System) Class, Building 810, Federal Center. Info: 303-202-4640	
	16	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
Dec	21	6:30p	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. For events added after the meeting, check the GPR website.

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



McCarrolls Win the Big One!

Wayne & Dianne McCarroll take home the big 33.6 gram beauty from Venezuela nugget at the "Special Nugget Drawing" in July!
 Gary & Kathy Hawley make the presentation to the surprised couple!



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 exposed, and whose discovery in 1859 spurs the settlement of the region. Uranium is found, which in 1898, finds its way to the laboratory of Marie Curie.

Each science makes its unique impact on human sensibility. With astronomy, it is distance. With geology, it is time. The video compresses 1.8 billion years of Denver's earth history into 25 minutes of motion, while the narrator invites us to imagine 4.5 billion years of earth history as one earth year. In that case, humans only just appear before midnight on the final day. We are truly newcomers to an old world.

In comparison to the processes of the earth, man's doings are as nothing. May we some day accept our faint presence here and show fitting humility to the earth and respect to each other!

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Joe Johnston, Joe Shubert, Paul Nagy, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Terry Weatherly.

Unable to Attend: Jim Jarnutowski, Allen Mershon, Matt Schreiner.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as corrected and read.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

Membership renewal, newsletters of other clubs, advertisements.

Committee Reports

Reports: Presented and accepted.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Gary Hawley. Ongoing.

Boy Scouts Environmental Sciences Merit Badge. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

Panning Demonstration Mileage. Jeff Mosteller. A form and expense information will be available at the September meeting.

New Business

Newsletter Editor. Gary Hawley. Dick Oakes has expressed the need to "move on to greener pastures." We will need another newsletter editor.

Events/Outings Coordinator. Gary Hawley. We need someone to coordinate and arrange club events and outings.

GPR Cache. Gary Hawley. Discuss clues. Joe Johnston will clarify some of the clues at tonight's meeting.

Planned Outings

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

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: September 21, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: September 21, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Denver's Geologic Setting, a video.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

President Gary Hawley calls the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by Lauren Vosburg.

Treasurer's report by Gary Hawley for Kathy Hawley. The treasury is currently in good financial condition. There was a good response to the special specimen gold nugget drawing, so Kathy is arranging something similar.

Membership report by Cindy Douthard: 118 individual and family memberships, 1 guest present.

VP Jeff Mosteller reports that Donna Mosteller won the bronze medal at the Breckenridge panning competition. Jeff himself had less success but competed with admirable determination. Donna proudly and deservedly displayed her award. Club member Larry Weinau is again the state champion--for the fourth consecutive year! Jeff gave the panning demo schedule. Please sign up for the demos. Help the club and help yourself. Jeff also mentioned that the annual club picnic is in the planning stage. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, please let Jeff know.

Prez Hawley announced that the club needs a newsletter editor. After outstanding service, Dick Oakes is moving on. A great opportunity to develop your publishing skill under Dick's expert tutelage. Adding this to your resume is a big "quill" in your cap! Also the club needs an events coordinator for outings and other activities. As with all the club's positions, you will receive advice and support if you need it.

Joe Johnston showed the prizes to be awarded for the Find of the Month competition: bright, new prospecting tools. Fine additions to anyone's tool kit. Joe also gave a review of the clues for the Hidden Cache treasure hunt.

Rick Miska gave the Question of the Month and later gave the answer.

Prez Hawley announced that this meeting's prize drawings include nuggets of 2.8, 2.5, 1.3, and 1.2 grams. He also showed photos taken at the recent panning demo in Central City. The photos will be on display, then entered in the club archives.

Recess, then announcement of Find of the Month entries, including coins received by LeRoy Lamgo as change from Red Robin (yes, gold is where you find it!).

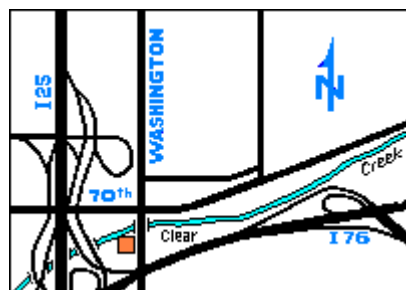
Evening's program: video "Denver's Geologic Setting," then prize drawings and adjourn meeting.



GPR Cache Found!

Details of the finding of the GPR Cache will be told at the September meeting!

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Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.8 gram nugget.....	Fritz Meyer
2.5 gram nugget.....	Milt Collum
1.3 gram nugget.....	Deb Lefor
1.2 gram nugget.....	Joe Fortunato
0.9 gram nugget.....	Sue Lemieux
0.6 gram nugget.....	Mike Barkof
0.5 gram nugget.....	Chuck Cown
0.4 gram nugget.....	Joe Johnston
0.3 gram nugget.....	Larry Armstrong
0.3 gram nugget.....	Sue Lemieux
0.3 gram nugget.....	John Reeves
0.2 gram nugget.....	Susan Duncanson

Members Only Drawings

0.4 gram nugget.....	Dale Varner
(Donated by Club)	
Pen	Roger Kruse
(Donated by Hank Innerfeld)	
Butterfly Pin.....	Mike Barker
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Belt Buckle.....	Marge Collum
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	

Find of the Month/Year

By Joe Johnston, Find of the Month/Year Coordinator

Largest Raw Gold

No Entries

Most Raw Gold

Chuck Cown..... Vial of Gold

Best Jewelry

No Entries

Oldest Coin

LeRoy Lamgo 1941 Quarter

Most Valuable Coin

LeRoy Lamgo 1954 Quarter

Most Unique (Excavated)

Joe Johnston Rusted Vice-Grip Pliers

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

No Entries

Best Bottle

Robert Deshambault..... Signet Medicine Bottle



By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

August 2005

WHO AM I?

- I was born in New York on May 23, 1830.
- I was a school teacher and a lawyer.
- I was in the Colorado militia from 1862 to 1864.
- I built a famous Colorado Hotel.
- I was the first senator from Colorado.
- I did a term as Secretary of the Interior of the United States.
- I was a strong supporter of bimetallism (Gold and Silver as a monetary standard).
- I was a former republican who sought the presidency as a democrat.
- I died in Denver, Colorado, on February 23, 1914.

I AM

Henry Moore Teller

<http://projects.vassar.edu/1896/republicans.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Teller

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=T000116>

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WHO AM I?

- I was born in Taos, New Mexico, in 1833.
- As a teenager, I was a shepherd.
- I spoke four languages, English, Spanish, Ute, and Apache.
- At the age of 17, I became Chief of the Uncompahgre Tribe of Utes.
- In 1859, I married a Tabeguache Ute maiden by the name of Chipeta.
- I became chief of all Utes in 1860.
- I was patient, diplomatic, and unwavering in my friendship toward the whites.
- I was a man of peace.
- I am revered today as one of the Ute's greatest leaders.
- I met President Hayes and President Grant.
- I died August 24, 1880.
- I was buried twice, the first time in 1880 in an unmarked grave, and again in 1925 with a marked grave.

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

Beauty is only a light switch away.

~Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC

If life is a waste of time, and time is a waste of life, then let's all get wasted together and have the time of our lives.

~Armand's Pizza, Washington, DC

The Gold Nugget

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2006 Elections and Ken Barker Award

By Joe Shubert, Nominating Committee Coordinator

Hello fellow Gold Prospectors of the Rockies members. I am not sure where the year has gone, but here we are almost to fall already.

Elections

Fall brings the election of officers for the following year. Maybe you are satisfied with the officers that are in office now and maybe you would like to see new blood in office. At the September meeting I will let everyone know what offices have openings including board members. I will have forms for you to nominate someone for an office or maybe run for one yourself.

This club belongs to all of you and you have a say in how it is run by the people you elect for office. Therefore please give it some thought.

Some notes:

- A person nominated for an office must be a Club member in good standing.
- The candidates for President and Vice President shall be persons who have been active as Committee persons, or Officers, or Directors during the previous year.
- Currently, the GPR has ten Directors-at-Large, who oversee various Committee Coordinators as assigned by the President.
- According to the GPR Bylaws, any group of twenty members or more of the Club may submit additional nominations to the Nominating Committee for one or more of the elected positions.
- All nominations for officers and board members must be given to the Nominating Committee Coordinator at the October meeting.
- The list will be compiled and presented at the November General Meeting at which time elections will take place.

The following is from the GPR Standing Operating Procedures:

1. ORDER OF VOTING
 - The order of vote shall be for President, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary, and Directors.
2. DIRECTORS
 - Four (or more) Directors-at-Large are elected to serve with the three elected officers as the GPR Board of Directors.
3. LACK OF CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE
 - Should there be no candidate for a particular office, an additional Director shall be elected.
 - The newly elected Board shall convene immediately following the election to appoint one of their members to fill that office until such time as a special election may be held.
4. MORE THAN ONE OFFICE
 - A member may run for more than one office.
 - If a member is elected President, then that nominee's name shall be removed from election for subsequent offices according to the Order of Voting.
5. NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR
 - Nominations for elected office will be accepted from the floor at the November General Meeting from a member-in-good-standing in attendance or by proxy from a member-in-good standing.
 - The member nominated must have agreed to run for a particular office prior to being brought to the floor as a nominee.
 - Proxy nominations may be made by email, telephone, or mail to the Coordinator of the Nominating Committee who shall deliver the proxy nominations at the November General Meeting.
 - All proxy email, telephone, or mail nomination messages must be received no later than 8:00 p.m., Mountain Time, the day prior to the November General Meeting of the membership.
6. ELECTION
 - Nominees are elected to office only by members-in-good-standing present at the November General Meeting of the membership. No Absentee Ballots will be accepted.

Ken Barker Award

Also, as a reminder, it is drawing close to time to elect someone for the Ken Barker Award for 2005. For all new members, the Ken Barker award was established in November of 2003 to honor the memory of Kenneth Barker, Vice President of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies in 2003.

The award is designed to recognize the Club member who most closely exemplifies the love and passion for gold prospecting that Ken brought to the organization.

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The following is from the GPR Standing Operating Procedures:

1. NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- Member in good standing.
- Promotes gold prospecting.
- Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.
- Participates in Club activities.
- Anticipates the needs of the Club and does his/her best to fulfill those needs.
- Contributes to the success of the Club with his/her extra efforts.

2. EXCEPTIONS

- Neither the President nor the Vice-President shall be eligible for this award.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

- The recipient of this award shall be selected by secret ballot at the November General Meeting.
- A write-in ballot form will be made available by the Ken Barker Award Committee to all members in good standing as they check in at the membership table at the November General Meeting (no absentee ballots will be honored). This ballot shall include the Nominee Qualifications.
- An appropriate container to receive completed ballots will be made available by the Ken Barker Award Committee.
- The Ken Barker Awards Committee shall tally the ballots within seven (7) days after the November General Meeting and notify the Club President as to the name of the winner. In the event of a tie, the Board shall select one of the finalists to receive the award.
- The President shall, at the December meeting, present an award (determined by the Board) and a "Ken Barker Award" plaque to the award winner.

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dowsing tools, and whatever else you can think of to help you find the target.

Speaking of dowsing tools, at our September meeting **Hank Innerfeld** will tell us about the history and uses of dowsing. There is an article in the May/June 2005 *GPAA magazine* that tells about an avid dredger who had been practicing dowsing for ten years. In late fall 2002, while the ground was frozen, he dowsed an area and marked it for dredging the following year. The results were a 40-ounce nugget! Dowsing or luck? I'm willing to listen.

Jeff Mosteller has a couple of panning demos planned for the remainder of this year. Let Jeff know which events you can help with.

When you read the Board meeting article in this newsletter you will see that the Board discussed the need for two members to take on very important positions in the Club. One position is Events/Outings Coordinator. This person directs and coordinates special club activities for large and small groups of members. Such things as mine tours, involvement with other clubs and their activities, prospecting outings, GPS programs . . . anything is possible. If you are interested in becoming more directly involved with club activities, feel free to call me for more information.

We also are in need of a newsletter editor. You have been reading *The Gold Nugget* since you became a club member. A quality newsletter, like *The Gold Nugget* doesn't just happen--it has to be nurtured and molded into the final product that **Dick Oakes** has been producing for some time. Dick has offered to train whomever is interested in this important position. Under his guidance I am sure the transition can be made without interrupting the printing of our newsletter. If you have an interest in being an editor, now is your chance. Call me or Dick for more information.

Joe Shubert has made plans for our November elections of club officers and selection of the Ken Barker Award recipient. Joe has information in this newsletter. If you would like to be a Board Member, President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer, let Joe know so he can get your name on the ballot.

Several members have asked me about the "Special Drawing

Nugget" that **Kathy Hawley** mentioned in her August article. Three things I know: 1) The 33.6 gram nugget given at the July meeting generated so much interest and support from the members that Kathy wants to have another "Special Drawing Nugget" to show at the September meeting. 2) She is really good at picking out gold nuggets that are pretty and have character. 3) She does not tell me everything. There is a good chance that I will not know about the new special nugget until the meeting.

Joe Johnston is making plans for a metal detector hunt. **Rick Miska** has offered to cook hamburgers and **Jeff Mosteller** has suggested we have another outing at Tymkovich Meats. Helpers are needed to make these things happen.

Remember: This is your club. Things happen in direct proportion to your involvement.

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

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Coming up in January is the time for most of us to renew our membership! Let's do it before then so **Cindy Douthard** can get everything all lined up!

Remember, you continue to receive *The Gold Nugget* on a regular basis, get to attend the club outings that are planned during the year, participate in club meetings, attend the club workshops, use the club library, get notified of special activities in gold prospecting and metal detecting being offered by other clubs in the area, receive other club members' knowledge and experience in the hobby, have fellowship with people who share a love for and an interest in prospecting and metal detecting, have the opportunity to participate in the club as a forum, and receive a membership card for each member of the family.

Wow! Such a deal!

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** and **Hank Innerfeld** for the donations to the "Members Only" drawing. Leroy donated a butterfly pin and a belt buckle and Hank a pen.

We will begin selling tickets for another "Special Drawing Nugget" at the September meeting. I plan to give it away at the December meeting. As of this writing, I don't know exactly what size we will have but I promise you won't be disappointed.

At the September meeting, I will have North Washington State gold nuggets and one Alaskan gold nugget for the drawings. We will give away a total of 11.4 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 4.5 grams. There will be three nuggets over 1 gram each.

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

Food for Thought

By Jackie Barker, Refreshments Coordinator

Michael and I enjoyed seeing everyone again, and Michael especially enjoyed his wins! We want to say thank you to **LeRoy Lamgo** for the donuts--always a special treat. Thank you to **Hank Innerfeld** for his wonderful banana bread and to **Ed Finney** for the delicious brownies.

We will see you all next month and remember, "You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely."

Jackie and Michael

Puns

- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Energizer Bunny arrested; charged with battery.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- FBI Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
- For keeping tempo, you can't beat a broken drum.
- He had a photographic memory that was never fully developed.
- He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- His wife really likes to make pottery but to me it's just kiln time.
- I fired my masseuse today. She just rubbed me the wrong way.
- I used to be a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.
- I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
- If electricity comes from electrons, does that mean that morality comes from morons?
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- In democracy your vote counts; in feudalism your count votes.
- Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
- Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
- Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
- Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Reading while sunbathing without sunscreen makes you, well, red.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but she broke it off.
- Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.



GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact

Jeff Mosteller

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For additional information and photos, see
<http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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I, however, did not fair so well. The technique for speed panning is mostly centrifugal force to push the sand up and over the top of the pan. I do not naturally pan that way. There are several handicaps that work against you when you are in competition. 1) There is no black sand in the pan to help hold the gold in the bottom of the pan. 2) The material in the pan is very dense with no rocks for strata. 3) The pan you have to use is a steel, smooth walled, 12-inch regulation pan that had not been blued. 4) The nuggets, though they averaged about two grams each, were round and flat causing them to act just like little surf boards.

On my practice run I was issued 8 large lead split shot, flattened out slightly. They looked like little hockey pucks. I lost 1 of the 8 in the run. When I came up to compete, I tipped the pan slightly up in the rear and when I shook the pan to settle the nuggets they didn't get to the bottom. When I started panning, I threw all eight nuggets out. With an embarrassing loss, I walked away with nothing. I did, however, buy a pan like the one they use and this winter I'm going to get it right and next summer look out Larry, I'm coming for you.

(Larry Weilanau took the men's competition this year!) Thank you Gary Turk and all at GPOC for a great time. We'll be back!

Right in your own back yard: Last weekend we made a startling discovery. Maybe you already know this but I didn't. I added some playground sand to the tubs on Sunday as they were getting kind of skimpy and noticed that they were full of magnetite. So, we started to pan off some of the black stuff. Lo and behold, there in the store-bought sand, was, you guessed it, GOLD. I am running about five pounds of sand through my little machine as we speak, some of it is about 20 mesh or so. If you think you need to practice panning and don't have any material to run, go down to your local hardware store and pick up a bag or two--it's a good way to keep busy over the winter.

Panning demos: Clear Creek History Park was a huge success this last week as the city of Golden was hosting a Fine Arts Festival right outside the park at the same time. We had 677 visitors to the booth over the weekend and that's with the gully washer we endured on Saturday afternoon.

Mother Lode Rodeo: Our contact swears that it is set for Sept 17 and 18, although the county website says something different--we'll see!

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. set up to 8:00 p.m., Sun 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
230 Norton Drive, off Highway 46 (Golden Gate Canyon), 7 miles above Black Hawk.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

SPEEDAIRE COMPRESSOR FOR SALE

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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Find of the Month/Year Award Program

Date of Adoption: May 18, 2005

1. There are presently eight defined categories:
 1. Oldest Coin (by date)
 2. Most Valuable U.S. Coin (all entries valued as good or G4 in coin guide)
 3. Largest Raw Gold (single piece by weight)
 4. Most Raw Gold (by weight) Remember to place your gold in a container that will allow it to be weighed.
 5. Best Jewelry (popular vote)
 6. Best Bottle (popular vote)
 7. Most unique excavated find-Anything that requires digging. (includes Tokens, popular vote)
 8. Most unique non-excavated find-Anything found on the surface (includes Tokens, popular vote)
 2. Categories may be added/deleted by member submittal and majority vote of the membership.
 3. One item may be entered per category, per meeting by each member.
 4. Items submitted must have been found since the last monthly meeting unless prior special approval is given by the Board of Directors. Only found items may be submitted.
 5. Each find must be entered into the category in which it is best defined (i.e., coin in coin, jewelry in jewelry, etc.--example: a coin ring is a ring).
 6. Finds of the Month and Finds of the Year will be voted upon by attending members at the monthly meeting. Find must be present at time of voting so it can be viewed by voting members. With prior approval of the Committee Chair and/or one or more Board Members, a photograph/rubbing may be submitted for found items that have been returned to the owner, items too large to transport to the meeting, or extremely high value items. (Some evidence of authenticity/validation such as witnesses and/or documentation of the find will be sought in these cases.)
 7. Finds of the Year will be determined only from Find of the Month winning entries, which must again be resubmitted at the December meeting for popular vote; items not present are not eligible for entry.
 8. Find of the Year Awards will be made at the December meeting. The Find of the Month for December will be carried over and done as part of the January Find of the Month, which is the beginning of the qualifying months for the next year.
 9. Only dues paid members in good standing are eligible to enter items or to vote on submitted items.
 10. Items obtained by illegally trespassing or dangerous items such as live explosive munitions or projectiles or items illegal to possess may not be brought to meetings or entered in any category.
 11. All items must be entered in the name of the actual finder. In the event of family membership, each family member is eligible to participate. Only one ticket per entry will be given.
 12. Members wishing to enter finds must register at the beginning of each monthly meeting with the program coordinator(s). Submitted item must then be placed in the area designated with items of the same category (coin with coins, etc.) for display and voting during the meeting.
 13. Only one item from each category will be identified as monthly winner at each meeting.
 14. In the event of a tie vote there must be a vote-off until the tie is broken at that meeting.
 15. All entrants will receive One (1) free door prize ticket for each entry, with the winner in each category receiving an additional two (2), for a total of three (3) free door prize tickets for participating in the Find of the Month Program.
 16. Find of the Year winners will receive a certificate and bullion coin or nugget (prize to be determined by committee or Board).
- Note: The Find of the Month/Year Program is intended to be a fun and educational event rather than solely competition. Have fun and good luck!

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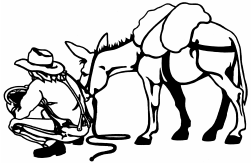
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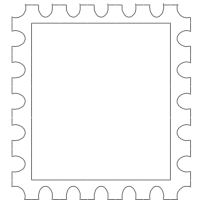


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