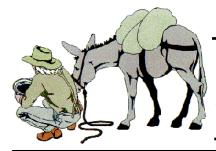
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The Gold Nugget

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President



Have you noticed the weather changes? Sunrise is later and sunset is earlier. Cooler days and much cooler nights. Last week it got down to 41 degrees during the night. I have also noticed birds are starting to gather in flocks. Winter is not far away. The good side of this is that it is more comfortable for prospecting. A light jacket in the morning and shirt sleeve temperatures in the afternoon. What more could one ask?

Our August club meeting was held upstairs at the Clements Center. The Center told me about repairs being done on their elevator and they were having a large meeting that required our usual meeting room. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused to any member. The Clements Center has been very cooperative with our club and I was sure we could extend this courtesy without much controversy.

Jeff Mosteller has a letter from Wheatridge that indicates the Clear Creek Greenway is NOT an area for any type of prospecting due to Wheatridge regulations in place at this time.

Sue Lemieux explained why the Central City mining tour was cancelled. She may attempt to reschedule later, if the tour bus is properly repaired. Remember to always sign up for offered outings so if something occurs you can be notified of any changes.

Donna Mosteller and Sue Lemieux are making plans for a GPR Cookbook. They have been talking about design contests, and all sorts of things. Stay tuned for this one.

Congratulations to **Bill Duncanson** and **Peg Brozek** on locating the GPR Cache! The target spent nearly a year buried near the parking lot at Harriman Lake Park at South Kipling and West Quincy. Bill and Peg did an excellent job of reading the clues and finally locating the

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings,

There is something of great importance I want to bring to your attention.

BUYER BEWARE!!!!

It sadly came to our attention that during the meeting last month that one of our members had made a spectacular purchase of Silver Morgan Dollars that looked like about 10,000 worth of material. The member brought this material to the big coin show that went on last month to get them graded and quickly found out he had about a dollars worth of old bomb casings that were counterfitted into Silver Morgans. Some sources say that these coins originated out of The far east and first appeared after last years big coin show in Denver. These coins are beautiful and hard to spot as fakes. According to Rod Haenni of the Arapaho Coin Shop in Littleton who advertises in our news letter you can spot them in the following ways, get a real silver dollar and spin it on a table and wait for it to drop, listen to it's sound. Next do that with the coin you are looking at, if the sound doesn't match there is something wrong. Also carry a magnet with you these things are magnetic BIG give away. I did some research on the net for these things and found out there are other fakes popping up and these coins are made with Silver and the only way you can catch them is by weight, these particular coins are, get this TO HEAVY. Minted Silver 1 oz coins should be 31.1 grams -1.0 oz, 40.60 mm in Diameter and 2.96 mm in thickness.



(I kinda wish I could get a hold of the silver fakes, they still have a melt value and Silver is around \$13.00 an ounce right now.)

OTHER NEWS:

We have 3 shows pending all are quick 1 day each events none of them are confirmed and I'll have more

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday! **Lloyd G. Clements Community Center** 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado (One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax) 7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.) Information: (303) 933-1147 <> ghawley1@juno.com Website: http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/

GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website, you can contact the club webmaster at:

prospector@phantomranch.net

Dick will be happy to review any suggestions or comments you may have.



(continued from The Prez Says on page 1)

cache. I'm sure Bill will remember the final clue: "All that glitters is not gold." Be sure to ask him what that clue referred to.

Thanks to Kathy Hawley for listening to me prepare the clues and checking them out to confirm that each clue was accurate and actually lead to the cache. Kathy and I are finding we miss checking the cache location to make sure it was in place until found by Bill and Peg. It was the enthusiasm of the club members that made this hunt memorable. The next cache hunt is scheduled to begin in January so. Bill and Peg; I am anticipating your first clue!

Jeff has three panning demos in the works and will need volunteers. Please sign up for the ones you can help with.

The club picnic and prospecting outing will be September 23, 10:00-4:00, at Tymkovich. The club will supply hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, plastic ware and paper plates. Each member is asked to bring a side dish for yourself and 1 or 2 others. Bring your prospecting equipment as we will be along Clear Creek and there is gold in that area. We will have more information at the meeting.

Joe Shubert advises it is time to prepare for club elections. He will present the time table and procedure for this event at the October meeting.

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

Colorado School of Mines Museum

The Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines started as a 'mineral cabinet' put together by Arthur Lakes, the first curator of collections, in 1874. Today the museum has approximately 50,000 minerals, fossils, gemstones, and artifacts. Each year, thousands of visitors, mineral collectors, and school children enjoy the exhibits and educational opportunities offered by the Geology Museum.

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Sue's Sluice Box

Mark your Calendars 3rd Annual GPR BBO Saturday September 23rd

To be held in the parking lof of Tymkovitch Meats, at 70th and Washington, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Food will be served at 12:00 noon.

The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.

We ask that everyone who comes, to please brink a side

Don't forget to bring a chair, your gold panning gear, and your appetite!

Any Questions: Call Sue Lemieux (413) 668-6008



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I sparked the last great goldrush in Colorado. Please research more about me, and submit a short article to the newsletter editor at:

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January 4th

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June 4th

July 4th

August 4th

September 8th

October 6th

November 3rd

December 8th

Exceptions to these dates can only be made by Gary Hawley and/or Rick Miska.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

GPR Events Calendar

Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show

September 13-17, 2006

Holiday Inn—Denver Central

4849 Bannock Street (Near I-25 and I-70

Show Hours: Wed thru Sat 10-6 and Sun 10-5

Free Admission Wholesale and Retail

Free Shuttle Bus to the Merchandise Mart Shows

Denver Gem and Mineral Show

September 15-17, 2006

Denver Merchandise Mart Expo Hall

451 East 58th Ave (I-25 and Exit 215)

In conjunction with the Colorado Fossil Expo

Show hours: Friday 9-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5

Free parking

Admission (Includes Colorado Fossil Expo):

Adults \$5, Seniors and teens \$3, Children under 13 are

free



The Colorado Railroad Museum is recognized as one of the best privately supported rail museums in the United States. This "can't miss" site for railfans features over 100 historic narrow and standard gauge locomotives and cars exhibited on 15 acres at the foot of North Table Mountain, near Golden, Colorado. The museum is open every day from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We are alored Thenkeriving. Christman Day, and and New York.

are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and and New Year's Day. Please call for hours on Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve. Every Thursday, the museum building, library, and gift store are open until 9:00 PM. Museum grounds close at 5:00 PM. During the summer months of June, July, and August, we start a property of 100 PM.

we stay open until 6:00 PM.

Adults: \$8.00

Seniors (over 60): \$7.00

Children (2 yrs to 16 yrs): \$5.00

Children (under 2 yrs): Free

Family (two adults and children under 16 yrs of one family):

\$18.00

Museum Members: Free

We have a large picnic area on the grounds and invite our guests to bring food and beverages to the museum. We are an alcoholfree location.

Members of the Colorado Railroad Historical Foundation (museum members), Intermountain Chapter-National Railway Historical Society, Colorado Historical Society, Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, Denver HO Club, and Denver Garden Railway Society have free admission by prior agreements. You must present your membership card to gain free admission.

Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

Board meeting of August 2006

Roll Call Gary Hawley, Hank Innerfeld, Mike Barker, Jeff Mosteller, Joe Johnston, Donna Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Joe Shubert, Paul Nagy, Sue Lemieux

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:20 by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley/

Corrections: None. Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Membership renewals.

Committee Reports: As presented.

Unfinished Business: Donna Mosteller - Club Cookbook. On going.

Sue Lemieux - Cover design contest for the Club Cookbook. *On going*.

Hank Innerfeld - Club clothing table - Request Hank survey members for suggestions. *On going*.

Paul Naggy - Suggestions for speakers. Paul will suggest known speakers to Allen Mershon.

<u>New Business</u>: **Jeff Mosteller** read a letter from Wheat Ridge describing prospecting information on Prospect Park property.

Planned Outings: Labor Day panning demo at Central City.

September 23 - 10:00-4:00 - Club Picnic and prospecting at Tymkovich.

September 30 - Gilpin County - panning demo. Not confirmed.

October 7 - Rock Ledge Ranch - Colorado Springs. Times to be an nounced.

October 21 - 1:00-4:00 - Castle Rock - panning demo.

Announcements:

Next board meeting September 20, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. Next general meeting September 20, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Gary Hawley explains the GPR cache clues.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

GPR Genl Mtg Notes Clements Center Lakewood, CO 16 August 2006 Recorder: Paul Nagy

7:00 Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by Leroy Lamgo, U.S. Army (Ret.).

7:01 Prez Hawley extends congratulations to members Larry and Shirley Weilnau for great performances at the annual State Gold Panning Championships at Breckenridge, CO. Both won several titles (again) and placed in several other categories. Also, a third place medal to Aaron Ingalls, a newer member of the club, who demonstrates that you can advance yourself quickly in anything if you apply yourself to it. These people are all true assets to the club. Audience gives a hearty round of applause.

7:05 VP's report by Jeff Mosteller. Jeff showed classic 8 x 11 photos taken at a recent panning demo. Club stalwarts Leroy Lamgo and Ed Finney stood out in their period finery. A reminder that Wheatridge regs prohibit "mining" along the Clear Creek greenway. This includes mere panning and everything else. A rundown of upcoming panning demos. A list of tongue-in-cheek household hints.

7:13 Prez Hawley welcomes guests, including: John Sullivan, Leon Sullivan, Jeff McClendon, Norm Te Slau, Rusty Morse, Joe Roorda, Jack Engel, Tyler Schoenke, and Randy Archer. Also, at Breckenridge, government officials asked for club input regarding hobby prospecting.

7:19 Events coordinator, Sue Lemieux explains that the Central City tour was cancelled because the tour bus broke down. All those who signed up were contacted by Sue as soon as she got the word. That is why you should sign up or contact Sue in advance for any event. Sue outlined the plans for the annual club picnic at Tymkovich Meats at 70th and Washington Sts. on 23 September.

7:23 Hank Innerfeld mentioned the upcoming World Money Show in town. Attend and get your coins appraised by the Denver Coin Club.

7:25 Joe Shubert, on behalf of his wife and daughter, thanks everyone who contributed and sponsored them for the recent Cancer Walk benefit.

7:27 Shirley Weilnau asks the question of the month and later awards drawing tickets to the winners.

7:31 Recess.

7:50 Prez Hawley announces that the Hidden Cache has been found! Bloodhound-goldhounds Bill Duncanson and Peg Brozek sniffed through the maze of clues and came up with the cache in Harriman Park. Hawley explained each of the clues and was applauded for the creativity that went into composing them. Much respect was rendered to Bill and Peg for their sleuthing.

8:11 Joe Johnston announces winners of the finds-of-the-month competition.

8:22 Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.





By Shirley Weilnau Q&A Coordinator

September 2006

How many years did hydraulicking from Cache Creek pollute the Arkansas River with mud and silt?

Shirley

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Some Colorado Facts

STATE FLAG -adopted on June 5, 1911

STATE SEAL -adaptation of the Territorial Seal and approved by the State in 1877 with the addition of the "State of Colorado" and the figures "1876" in the seal.

STATE MOTTO -"Nil Sine Numine", translates to "Nothing without Providence". In the early mining days some said it meant "nothing without a new mine".

COLORADO -Spanish origin meaning "colored red". Colorado has been nicknamed the "Centennial State" as it became a state in 1876, 100 years after the signing of the nation's Declaration of Independence

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING -22 years in the building, it was completed in 1908. The doom is painted with 177 ounces of 24K gold leaf.

STATE ANIMAL -Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Ovis canadensis, adopted May 1961. Found only in the Rockies, usually above timberline.

STATE FLOWER -white and lavender Columbine, Aquilegia caerules, adopted April 1899

STATE TREE -Colorado Blue Spruce, Picea pungens, adopted March 1939, first discovered on Pikes Peak

STATE BIRD -Lark Bunting, Calamospiza melanocorpyus Stejneger, adopted April 1931, migrant bird living in plains region and mountains up to 8,000 feet from April to September

STATE FOSSIL -Stegosaurus -designated in 1982, lived 150 million years ago during the Mesozoic era in the Jurassic period (picture on next page)

STATE GEMSTONE -Aquamarine, adopted April 1971, crystals range in color from light blue to pale and deep aquarmarine, located in the mountain peaks of Mount Antero and White Mountain (picture on next page)

STATE GRASS -Blue Grama, adopted in May 1987, native grass on both sides of the Continental Divide

STATE INSECT -Hairstreak Butterfly, Hypaurotis cysaluswas, adopted in April 1996, found on both sides of the Continental Divide at 6,500 to 7,500 feet

STATE SONG -"Where the Columbines Grow" by A.J. Fynn, 1915, adopted in May 1915

STATE FOLK DANCE -Square Dance, adopted in March 1992

From the Ledger of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to Joe Johnston and Larry and Shirley Weilnau for their donations to the members only drawing prizes.

We will have nuggets from Alaska at the September meeting. We will give away a total of 11.1 grams of gold, 6 nuggets will be 1 gram or over.

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

Food for Thought

Thanks go out to everyone who brought the delicious goodies to share at the meeting. I big thank you goes to Kathy Hawley for bringing a scrumptious cake for Gary's birthday. I hope everyone is enjoying these last days of summer. See you all at the next meeting.

Jackie and Michael

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2-Year Board Member	Joe Johnston	(elected 2005)
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1-Year Board Member		Allen Mershon
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1-Year Board Member		Paul Nagy
1-Year Board Member	Γ	erry Weatherly

(Continued from VP's Corner, page 1) information about them at the meeting.

A big thank you to the 3 volunteer members that showed up in Central City last Saturday 9/02, we froze our backsides off and a total of 20 people got in the tubs. I had 6 People show up on Sunday and the weather was great we got 124 people to pan in the tubs. I know you all are getting tired so are we. The year is about to close for the demos, I have 3 shows left, please help us get through them.

BIGGIE:

Want to be on TV? We could use a few extras in the creek on Friday Sept 29 about 11:00 in the morning. CH 9's Nick Carter is going to do a "Package Shoot" on the history of Gold Prospecting in Colorado featuring "US" The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. This will be a program shoot and not a "remote broadcast" If your interested in being a celebrity and get your mug on TV see me at the meeting for further details. No costumes required.

The water will be getting cold soon, please be mindful when your out there, be safe.

Jeff Mosteller

Job Opening Newsletter Editor

I am looking for somebody to assist me in getting this newsletter out to the membership, with the ultimate goal of taking it over at the first of the year. I have other obligations coming up in the near future that will require more of my attention.

If you are interested in helping the editor and the club out, please contact me at your earliest convenience by email at goldhunter@ricksthings.com or call me at 303-404-2897. Thanks, Rick



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COLORADO GOLD RUSH -1859, west and south of Denver

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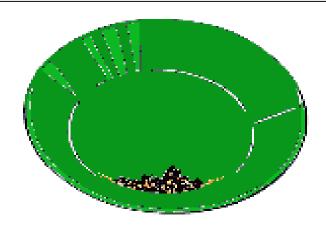
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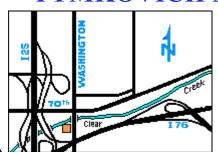
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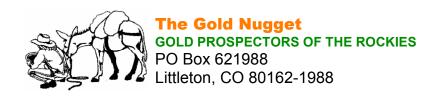
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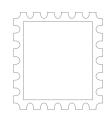
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