

THE GOLD NUGGET

The Prez Sez by , Aaron Ingalls

Good day fellow “diggers”,

Here we are in May, already! A third of the year is over but the best time for prospecting is yet to come. Days are longer and the weather is warming. We have to be careful of afternoon thunderstorms and spring runoff. Other than that it’s prospecting time!

Now is the time to get out on the stream and do some serious prospecting! The weather is warm enough on most days that prospecting can be done in comfortable clothing. Just remember to take a jacket in case the wind makes it feel like winter.

There are always questions about where to prospect. As far as I know, we’re still allowed on Clear Creek from tunnel #1 to Highway 119. Remember that is Jefferson County Open Space land and we must respect Open Space rules: dig in the streambed; don’t undercut trees or large boulders; fill in holes; take out trash. If you are contacted by any enforcement officers, be polite, explain what you are doing and follow their directives.

Congratulations to **Jim Long** he did a great job with setting up a booth at the GPAA Gold Show. I was there on Saturday, and there was a ton of activity. Also I would like to thank everyone that helped out. I think it was a very positive experience for everyone.

Aaron

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HOLD THE PRESSES.....This Just In.....

Thomas J. "Dr. Colorado" Noel, a Professor of [History](#) and Director of [Public History, Preservation & Colorado Studies](#) at [University of Colorado Denver \(UCD\)](#) is going to be our speaker on the 20th!!! He is the author of numerous books, articles and columns. Tom is a graduate of UCD and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Tom teaches Denver, Colorado, Heritage Tourism, Historic Preservation, Mining & Railroads, National Parks History, U.S. West, and Western Art & Architecture courses at UCD. He also conducts tours of the highest state and the Mile High City for the [Smithsonian Institute](#) and the [Colorado History Museum](#). Tom writes a regular column for the Sunday Denver Post Perspective section and also appears on [Denver KUSA Channel 9's "Colorado & Company"](#) as Dr. Colorado.

So don’t miss our May 20th meeting to hear his talk about “Gilpin county gold.”

We’ll be starting the meeting at **7 pm**. So get there early and bring some extra dollars to buy tickets for the nuggets.

GPOR Website

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website contact the webmaster at:
prospector@phantomranch.net



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



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Board Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2009

Roll Call Those in Attendance

Aaron Ingalls
 Allen Mershon Presiding
 Robert Larson X
 Rob Deschambault X
 Joe Shubert X
 Sue Lemieux X
 James Long X
 John Weir X
 Leanne Larson X
 Terry Weatherly X
 Joe Fortunato X
 Joe Johnston X
 Gary Hawley X

Quorum Present? Yes

Call to Order 6:15

Reading approval of minutes

Corrections none

Approved as read/corrected? Yes

Treasurer's Report

Due to President Ingalls move, bank records were not transferred in time for a report.

Questions

Accepted?

Correspondence

Mail Box renewed by Aaron Ingalls.

Committee Reports:

Need to Change to Aaron Ingalls on web site 90,660 hits on web site since 1996. Thank you Dick Oats.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Gary Hawley suggested that Aaron Ingalls purchase a new copy of Robert's Rules.

Alan Mershon donated World's Coins to the library.

GPAA Show May 1 Set up 8am to Noon Denver Coliseum, have volunteers for set up, Sunday 3pm Closing. Could use more volunteers for the show.

Brochures & Cards and Applications will be available.

Bob Deschambault: Need to have proof reader for website and brochures.

Joe Johnston: Detecting Clinic, coins in, \$6.00 to club.

Went to site Monday. Sunday May 19th, Picnic lunch at noon, 1:30 hunt.

Check map for directions.

Rob D: New item for store. Hitch cover, \$25.00, taking orders.

Sue L. Sign Up sheet for Edgar Mine Tours Special

Saturday tour, need sign ups.

May 16th Open House Renewable Energy Lab.

Apparel Order for Store, hand out, looking for quantity suggestions on number of which apparel. Need 48 items for price break.

Joe Johnston: Gold Panning in creek around Wall Street after Detector clinic.

Saturday, Free day at Colorado History Museum.

Alan: Kudos to Andy for Newsletter.

Planned Outings: Detecting Clinic, Edgar Mines.

Announcements:

Newsletter article must be in 1st Wednesday of the month.

Board member need to write 2 articles a year.

Andy requested E-Mail sign up for newsletter to save on cost of printing and postage.

Special Drawings for MEMBERS ONLY

Tonight's General Meeting Program:

Alan doing "Safety and First Aid"

Adjournment: 6:53

"The Question of the Month"

Where did Abe Lee discover gold in 1860?

THE BOOK SHELF

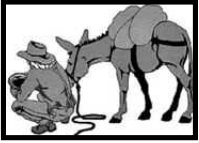
Our club library saw heavy activity at the April meeting. This increased interest is a welcome occurrence and I hope it continues as there is so much information for us to draw on to make us successful in this great outdoor hobby.

Just one quick note to those who have taken advantage of our club library, don't forget to bring those items back or renew them at the next meeting.

Thank you,

Joe Johnston

Board member and club librarian



General Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2009

Alan Merchon: Call to order 7:03.
Aaron Ingalls will be unable to attend due to work schedule.
Introduction of Board Members.
139 Members 59 in attendance.
2 new members Burt Cutshall and Ed Goulet, Welcome and hope to get to know you.
1 Visitor Steve Bykowski.
Meeting program will be Safety and First aid by Alan Merchon.
Members are reminded to call BLM for road conditions when going out prospecting.
Announcements: Ian Duncanson: Question of the Month.
Robert Larson-treasurer: Special Member Drawing – Gold imbedded rock from Chili, come take a look, just don't go prospecting on it.
Joe Johnston: Metal Detecting Clinic Saturday April 19th. Picnic Lunch at noon, lecture, 1:30 Hunt \$6.00 payable to the club per person, we'll be hunting coins. ¼ mile out of Ward. Mine Owner Dwayne will be visiting. Canyon was worked in 1930 by hand flume and sluice. Tailings from mine have been run. Maps available Sign up on back table.
Alan: Joe Johnston is a detecting expert.
Jim Long: GPAA show May 1 & 2 Denver Coliseum, GPR will have a booth. Could use some more volunteers for Sunday breakdown. GPR will not be helping vendors. Gold Prospectors of America guidebooks will be available. Members should consider joining GPAA.
Alan: If going to the Phoenix Mine take your own light, helps you get greater detail on the sites of that mine.
Sue L – Thanks to everyone who came to the Museum, good time was had by all. Got to tour warehouse, all in awe of specimens. Lots of interesting things to see. We're welcome back. New exhibits every year. Some members when on walking tour, few went to library for

gold exhibit. Six went to the creek, had 3 new people and Sue helped with learning how to properly pan. Truman Edgar Mines making a special arrangement for a Saturday tour. Sign up sheet available, need to know how many would be interested before tour can be scheduled.
National Renewable Energy Library. Open House May 16th Free to the public.
Sue recently found a "factoid: on a Snapple Cap, "How many billions of gold are in the Worlds oceans?" Estimated 10 billion. How do we get some of that??
Andy Doll E-mail available for Newsletter, sign up with Jackie or send Andy an e-mail request.
Hank Infield – Dowsing clinic Tuesday April 28th. Come see me.
Aaron: Thanks to Phil Huff for taking over the refreshments.
Sue L: School of Mines April 18th 9-4 at the Museum.
Alan: Point Parr May 9th & 10th. We've again been invited again by the GPAA. BLM permits needed for large equipment. \$25.00 for 10 days, not consecutive days. You're on the honor system. Make sure the day you're out working is on your BLM ticket.
If BLM does not have patrols out, it's a good idea to let the Authorities know. Inter-Agency communications will let them know.
Sue L : Gold panning Days – Arvada – flyers available. Store has new items, come and see. Break.....
ALAN MERSCHON : SAFETY AND FIRST AID ANNUAL DISCUSSION
What is the chemical composition of gold? Gold is an Electrum composed of gold/silver/copper/lead.
If you find a black malleable ball, while prospecting, that is polluted mercury. Do not handle, it's takes 8 years to get it out of your system, catch it in a vial and properly dispose of it. Do not touch or handle.

Latest research says bacteria is everywhere. Wash your hands before eating, before you wipe your eyes. Cleanliness works. It keeps you healthy.
Your ice chest is a great recovery devise for high water, it floats. Make it two pieces if needed, even the lid will work.
Take tools. Pry Bar, picks, rope, tie rope to pick, drive pick into bank, use rope to keep someone safe. Tie knots into rope every 5 foot, great rescue tool
If you boots fill with water, shuffle to shore, the average waders can hold 15 gallons, at 7 pounds per gallon. Keep aspirin around, but its temperature sensitive. At 95 degrees you loose half potency.
Duct tape, first aid tape; treat a cut NOW, not an infection later.
Aspirin for heart problems, preventative.
Iodine, keep it with you at all times. Cell phone should be considered part of a first aid kit.
We're not in virgin territory. Not everyone has good habits, don't clean up without precautions.
Hydration issues. You loose 1 quart per hour to sweat. If you feel thirsty, you probably are, DRINK.
Shock from injury kills. Proper prevention is hydration. If you know you've hurt yourself, DRINK RIGHT AWAY.
Altitude sickness, lack of oxygen. Iron and Vitamin K helps oxygen usage, take them before you go. Drink your oxygen, H2Oxygen
If you notice your heath is changing, change what you're doing.
This hobby is strenuous; the exercise is one of the rewards.
If you're not in shape, check with your doctor before going out.
The buddy system saves lives. If you're a loner, introduce yourself around and leave a note were you're going.
Next Meeting May 20th, see you there.



**Planning
Calendar 2009**

JUNE

17th Club Meeting
20th WMMI Rock Fair

JULY

15th Club Meeting

AUGUST

19th Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER

16th Club Meeting

OCTOBER

3rd Highlands
Ranch Demo
21st Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

18th Club Meeting

DECEMBER

16th Club Meeting

2010

JANUARY

20th Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

17th Club Meeting

Detecting Clinic @ Wood Mine NOW IN MAY

OK, we got snowed out. But we are invited back!! We have been granted permission to use the property at the Wood Mine on **Sunday May 17, 2009**.

Entry fee \$6.00 per person.

Meet at 12:00 noon for a picnic lunch followed by a quick talk on detecting (and maybe some history of the mine) then the hunt will begin at 1:30. Bring your detector and refreshments.

DIRECTIONS [This drive will take about 25 minutes.]

US 36 to Canyon Blvd in Boulder (becomes Boulder Canyon Drive).

West to Fourmile Canyon Drive, Turn North, follow to Salina turning west on County 118 (still Boulder Canyon Drive).

Continue past Wallstreet (town) to the Wood Mine (adit on the North, property on the South). (If you reach Sunset, you went too far.) We will mark the site for you. (Link to a map)

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Boulder&state=CO&address=14th+St+%26+Canyon+Blvd&zipcode=80302&country=US&latitude=40.01647&longitude=-105.27672&geocode=INTERSECTION>

Sue's Sluice Box

Rock Fair at Western Museum of Mining

June 20, 2009 9 am to 3 pm

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) partnered with the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society to present the first annual "Rock Fair at WMMI."

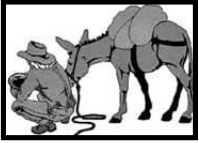
Family events include children's activities, food vendors, rock & mineral identification, seminars on rock hounding. Also, **it's a chance to see a working stamp mill crush ore!** (Bring hearing protection for this exhibit).

Location: 225 North Gate Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80921, 719-488-0880

Directions: Take I-25 South to Exit 156A. The entrance is opposite the North Entrance to the USAF Academy. * More Info at May's Club Meeting*

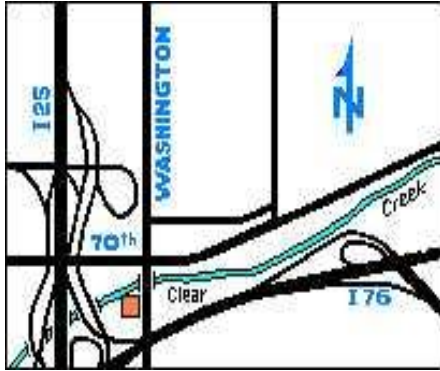
REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR

Please consider receiving the GPR Newsletter by email. It's faster and saves the club many dollars that could go toward buying more drawing gold. It costs \$1.06 to print and mail each newsletter. That doesn't sound like much but when mailing to 139 members that equals \$147 each month. Currently 18 members are receiving by email. If you would like to, please send me an email at "SMES3901@HOTMAIL.COM."



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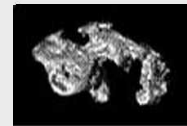
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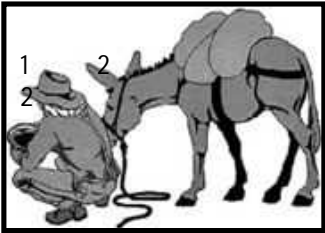
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Contact the GPR President

(Layout Design Subject To Additional Cost)



Coming Announcements and Special Events June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Submission Deadline to the Editor	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Club Meeting	18	19	20 WMMI Rock Fair
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 Copy Deadline for The Gold Nugget
28	29	30				