

THE GOLD NUGGET

July 2009

The Prez Sez by, Aaron Ingalls

Well howdy to all of you!

Here it is the middle of July and the creeks/rivers are still running high. All of this rain has probably been moving that good ole' yellow down out of the hills even more so it makes finding it easier than ever!! When it gets hot we can always go to the hills and cool off in the creeks.

We had a great turn out of new members and visitors at the June meeting! Welcome to all of you and don't hesitate to ask questions of anyone here. We will all do our best to teach and answer or refer you to someone who can.

Sue Lemieux has found the cache!!! She'll tell everyone about it at the July meeting and now she gets to hide the next one and give the clues.

Being the hard and diligent events coordinator she is planning some great outings for this summer! The Edgar Mine is August 15 at 11 am. Meet at 10:30 in first parking lot then we'll car pool up to the Mine. I believe the prices are \$10.00 for senior and \$6.00 for children but Sue will be able to confirm that. It is a ½ mile tour underground so please wear good walking shoes and clothing you might need to stay warm. This is a special tour for members of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. There is sign-up info on the back table at the meeting. 30 people are the maximum. Please see Sue for any questions.

Presidents Day out at Cache Creek Aug 22, 23. Camping is available overnight for those who want to stay the entire weekend. The more the merrier. All members are invited. Nothing formal just a time to get out in the creek. If you want to highbank you'll need a permit from the BLM. Camping is on BLM land so you have to go by their rules. If you don't want to camp Leadville and Buena Vista are near by and have motels and such.

I believe I owe all of you a bit of an explanation as to the reason I haven't been able to attend things I believe I should be. For those of you who may not know, I'll not be at the July and August meetings because they have been rotating me between two months on days and two months on nights at work. I also got a promotion at work and I'll be out of town for 3 weeks of training in August. Thank you all for your patience and help during this time of transition in life.

See you all soon, Aaron

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!!!!JULY15 IS AUCTION TIME!!!!

The GPR Trailer and its contents will be auctioned off at our Wednesday, July 15th club meeting. If you are interested on bidding for any of the items, see Rob Deschambault (GPR Store Keeper), to register for a Bidding Number. You can also register the day of the Auction.

Here's a Listing of available items:

- 2002 "Homesteader" Utility Trailer
48" W x 96" L x 52" High
- 10 - Ratcheting Straps (10ft+)
- 50 Cup Coffee Thermos
- Portable Plastic File Box
- Hand Cart/Dolly
- 4 Prong Hay Rake
- 8 Blue 5 Gal. Buckets
- 2- Orange 5 Gal. Buckets
- 23 White Hand Towels
- 5 Wooden Bar Stools (2 match/3 match)
- 3 EZ-Up Canopies
- 9 Milk Crates (8 Plastic/1 Metal)
- 1 White Plastic Table (48" x 30")
- 3 White Plastic Tables (72" x 30")
- 1 Garden Hose
- 1 Black Tub
- 4 Blue Tarps
- 11 Gold pans (Various Sizes)
- 1 Classifier
- 1 600 ft. Spool of ¼" Poly Rope
- 2 Sets Halogen Lights
- Port-a-Potty
- MISC Items that will be placed on Table for viewing

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.





Board Meeting Minutes for June 2009

Roll Call Those in Attendance

Aaron Ingalls	X
Allen Mershon	
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
Gary Hawley	X
Joe Johnston	

Quorum Present? YES

Call to Order 6:20

Reading approval of minutes

YES

Corrections

Joe Johnston

Approved as read/corrected?

Yes

Treasurer's Report

As listed

Questions

Accepted?

Yes

Correspondence

Phone call from Idaho Springs from water shed district to see if club would be willing to teach for no charge. Only for Scouts and other such organizations such things are available.

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business:

Sale of Club Trailer, tent and port-a-potty need to be added to list.

Tubs with sand are in locked storage. Pans and tubs will be part of sale

Sue L - Clothes order went in today. Paperwork available.

Bid sheet for trailer will be available.

New Business:

Aaron will not be able to attend July meeting and sale.

Robert and Sue will run sale. Will need help bringing in items and set up.

Gary would like to address meeting about membership records.

Need to get club paperwork up to date.

Planned Outings:

August 22/23, 2009 Cache creek Presidents outing.

Overnight??

Edgar Mine August 15 at 11 am. Information will be available. 30 people are the maximum.

Terry: Check out law concerning private property rights. Bringing copies to next meeting.

Aaron: Club needs more articles for newsletter and help on speakers. Announcements

July 15 board meeting at 6pm

July 1 deadline for articles for newsletter

July 15 general meeting at 7pm

July will be a meet and greet, show and tell, and auction.

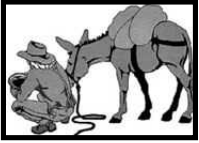
Tonight's General Meeting Program:

Movie Gold Fever

Adjournment: 6:50

REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR

Please consider receiving the GPR Newsletter by email. It's faster and saves the club money. It costs \$1.06 to print and mail each newsletter. That doesn't sound like much but this month it cost \$108 to print and mail 102 newsletters by snail mail. Currently 21 members are receiving by email. If you would like to, please send me an email at "SMES3901@HOTMAIL.COM."



General Meeting Minutes for June 2009

Meeting called to order 7:08

Treasurer's report - we're still in the black.

Membership information from Gary Hawley. Membership was at 140. Asked membership chairperson to look at membership dates. Those who had not paid membership will no longer be receiving newsletter. A few corrections will need to be made but if you are attending and are not paying dues please pay as soon as possible. Memberships are \$30.00 and only members are allowed to buy drawing tickets.

Visitors

John L. Farguharson, Nancy Shaeffer Dean Randall, Joe & Suzy Riley Sandra Hall, Keith C. Womack Sheri Muehlbauer, Steve Muehlbauer.

Alan Mershon: Welcome to new members and why this club exists. Training available, just ask him.

Aaron: Need help finding speakers for meetings. Please check with friends and network for speakers.

Alan: If you have a skill, interest or area of expertise and are willing to speak to the group, please let us know.

Movie time

GOLD FEVER Available for loan at the library.

Section #1 Tom and Cindy Massie. Nome Alaska gold prospecting camp. Sluice box demo. Small amounts of water over the ripples to catch the gold for the black sand that has been previously worked out. 8 feet per second optimum fall. Cleaning the mat frequently into container. And then pan out the gold.

Section #2. Visiting the host father's grave. George Massie cold country overlooking a lake with a Bear Warning sign at the road.

Section #3 Nome, Alaska country side with small creek and setting up for a pan for a sample, testing for color. There be gold. Setting up the sluice in the creek and letting the young girl dig and carry the heavy buckets to the sluice. 3 buckets later,

gold pieces pulled from sluice. When mat has worn out do not throw it out, very small pieces of gold will get stuck in the pile. Burn the mat and then pan out the ashes. Rich country in that creek.

Section #4 High banking. Keep the water flow low, even if you have to help clean out the sluice box.

"The Question of the Month"

Kit Carson had a cousin who many believed was responsible for 'Pike Peak or Bust' Who was he?

High banking so named because you are digging high into a bank when the lower dirt has been turned onto. Let the water in the high banker run without dirt frequently to let it clean it's self out. Multiple high bankers along the creek. Remove and clean mat and sluice. Doing final clean out in the warmth of a cabin.

Let the green horn do the work.

Dredging. Wear your wet suit.

Weather can be bad and waters high, try another day.

Section #5. Hot spring surrounded by acres and acres of acres and acres of beautiful mountains and meadows. Church building from 1810.

Section #6 Into the old church.

Vacant but pretty. Stenciled walls.

Painting of the Annunciation and Saints. Next to the Hot springs

artesian well. Very hot water. Some one built an old hot tub quite a walk away from the spring and the waters still warm.

Section #7 After the hot tub, time to pan out what came off the highbanker mats. In black tubs and a nice warm shed. Plenty of nice pickers for this days work. THE END.

Aaron: That's a lot a gold. I've never gotten that much in one day.

Jim Long: High Bank operation is highly profitable. Worth the trip. GPAA 14 miles from Cripple River. Use an ATV to get there.

Jefferson County you can use highbankers, Adams County no large equipment.

Alan: Burning the mat is done even in large operations. When mat cracks and is dried out, it's time. Always clean carpeting with dishwashing soap.

Outings: Presidents Day out Cache Aug 22, 23. Camping over night. The more the merrier. All members invited.

Sue L: Outings Arvada Gold Strike Festival: June 19, 20, 21 and farmers market in old Arvada.

1st Annual Rock Fair in Colorado Spring at the 10 and 1pm running the "Yellow Jacket" stamp mill.

Edgar Mine Tour August 15th 11 am. Meeting at 10:30 at first parking lot and car pool up to mine. Price is \$10.00 senior and children \$6.00. ½ mile tour underground, dress warm, and wear good walking shoes. This is a special tour for Gold Prospectors of the Rockies only members. Sign up sheet available. Only 30 people can come. Please let Sue know if you cannot come but signed up. Auction and trailer sale next month. Sign up sheet at store table.

June Question of the Month. What was the Original name of Clear Creek? 3 answers Vasquez Creek, Cannon Ball Creek and Sag-od Creek (to spirit, Indian name.) pronounce it tis-sock-ode.

Break Time

Door Prize Drawing. Jim Long donated 3 envelopes. Leroy donated a gold and opal ring and Fritz brought gold from Alaska. And now you know why we all need to be wearing our badges.

Aaron: Thanks to Phil for the good care of the refreshments and to everyone who contributed, let's remember to keep that going we need to be "feeding the kitty" as well as ourselves.

Water really high in the creeks, wait till it's down or be VERY VERY CAREFUL. Lost someone in Ralston Creek recently. See you next month.



Edgar Mine Tour

Saturday, August 15

Meet Time: 10:30am (Tour starts at 11:00am Sharp) 1st Parking Lot before Mine. Will need to carpool to Mine parking lot – (Limited parking available).

Where: Idaho Springs, CO

Cost: Adults \$10, Seniors \$6, Children (6-16) \$6

Directions: From Denver: Take I-70 West towards Idaho Springs, Take Exit 240, Turn right (North) at the top of the exit ramp, proceed 2 blocks to Colorado Blvd. Turn Left (West) onto Colorado Blvd., proceed to 8th Ave. Turn right (North) onto 8th Ave.

The 1st parking lot will be at the end. Park here! Do not go up to the Mine!

Planning Calendar 2009

JULY

15th Club Meeting
AUCTION

AUGUST

15th Edgar Mine
Tour

19th Club Meeting
22-23 Presidents
Day out

SEPTEMBER

16th Club Meeting

OCTOBER

3rd Highlands
Ranch Demo
21st Club Meeting

The Edgar Mine is the Colorado School of Mines, Experimental Mine. In the 1870s, it produced high-grade silver, gold, lead and copper. It is now an underground laboratory for future mining engineers. More than one-half mile of underground workings representing over 100 years of mine development are covered on the tour. The tour generally lasts one hour. Lighted displays showing drilling, blasting, and mucking equipment are displayed. The mine is usually relatively dry and a constant 54°F. Hard Hats are provided. Please wear warm clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Bring your cameras! This tour is limited to 30 people MAX. If you are in the first 30 on the signup list, show up. Any Questions: See me or call 413-668-6008. I hope you can attend this great educational and fascinating tour!!!!!!!

A Brief Synopsis of the history of Leadville, Colorado By Jim Long

Leadville's mining history started in 1860 with the discovery of gold just south of 'Oro City', as it was known then. The discovery

wife and took up with the famous 'Baby Doe'. Later Tabor became a state and national politician and financier. The Tabor Mansion that he later built in Denver is a museum today.

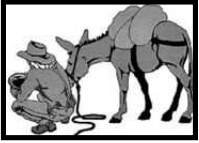
In the early 1878 and 79, Leadville hosted many folks who went on to become famous in their own right. David May (of May D&F fame) came to town and started business interests. Charles Boetcher arrived and opened a hardware business before moving to Denver to become a famous businessman and benefactor. The Boetcher Theatre became named after his family. In the early 1880's, other folk had left their mark as well.

Margaret Tobin was a seamstress who married JJ Brown, later becoming the 'Unsinkable' Molly Brown. Texas Jack, Chicken Bill Lovel, Buffalo Bill Cody, Broken nose Scotty, Wyatt Earp, and Soapy Smith frequented the saloons and gambling joints, including the famous 'Doc' Holliday. Holliday shot and wounded Bill Allen in August of 1883. Though penniless at the time, he was shortly released on bail posted by his numerous famous friends. He was acquitted in May 1884. It was the last documented 'Holliday' shooting prior to his death in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

In 1879, Congress established a National Fish Hatchery just west of

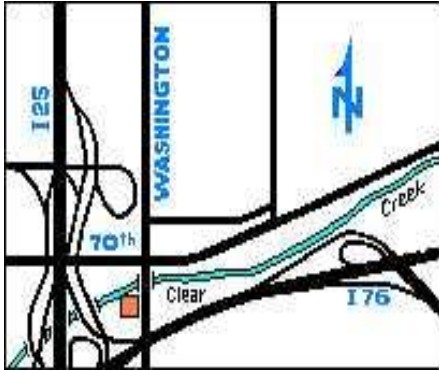
town at the foot of Mt. Massive becoming the oldest hatchery west of the Mississippi River. In 1893, Congress repealed the Sherman Silver Purchase spelling ruin for Horace Tabor and many others. Baby Doe froze to death 40 years later at her one room shack at the Matchless Mine. The silver boom died but mining continued for other minerals such as zinc, lead, and copper. With the collapse of large scale gold and silver mining operations, the population of Leadville plummeted. But in 1918, the opening of the Climax Molybdenum Mine just north of Leadville, employed 3000 workers and breathed life back into the old city. In 1941, Minnie Dole convinced Congress of the need to establish a camp for the training of troops in winter survival and skiing. The site for Camp Hale was at 9300 feet and became the home of the 10th Mountain Division, a unique fighting force that won fame in WWII. Today, Leadville has preserved some of its great history and you can see 70 square city blocks and 20 square miles of mining areas that have been designated National Historical Landmarks. Go check the place out. It is truly an exceptional part of Colorado Mining History.

resulted in 8000 miners living in the new town in tents and makeshift cabins. During the next 5 years, some 4 million dollars worth of gold was removed using primarily sluice and pan, more than at any other Colorado site. But then, the next 5 years saw gold began playing out and in 1880, silver became the next boom. By then, Leadville had more than 30,000 residents, numerous stores, hotels, boarding houses, and more than 100 saloons, dance halls, gambling dens, and brothels. By 1887, the mining area was being served by the Colorado and Southern Railroad. The silver boom brought a higher class to the town and among this elite society was Horace Tabor. Tabor owned a general store and other interests along with his wife Augusta. They made millions in the silver trade and built the famous Tabor Opera House along with the Bank of Leadville and the Grand Tabor Hotel. He soon dumped his



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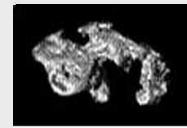
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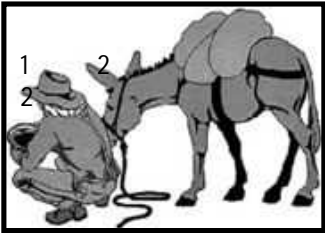
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Coming Announcements and *Special Events* August 2009

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23 Presidents Day Outing Cache Creek	24	25	26	27	28	29