

The Prez Sez by Gary Hawley

O.K., global warming has made its point! It's HOT! What a great incentive to go prospecting in the cooling shade of a mountain, with your feet in a stream and lots of gold in your pan. Ahh, but to dream! Wear a hat, drink lots of water and read my article on Dehydration elsewhere in this newsletter.

President's Day Out was August 6, 7 & 8 at Cache Creek. I hope to hear from members who attended and found their riches while on this outing.

The Board is in the process of setting a date in September for our annual club picnic. Hopefully, it will again be at Lions Park in Golden.

Our August meeting will be the celebration of a president's birthday...mine! (gottcha) It appears that every year, in August, LeRoy Lamgo and I have shared birthdays. This year we are adding Joe Johnston to the list. Let me know if there are others who have an August birthday. So, in honor of this president's birthday, and that of his followers, Kathy will supply cake and ice cream for everyone attending. This will add to our social event listed below.

The topic for our General Membership Meeting on August 18 will be: "Show & Tell". This will be a social event where you can show your special collections, ideas, inventions, finds and oddities that relate to gold prospecting and your personal enjoyment of our hobby. Metal detectorists: bring in your most strange targets. Prospectors: show your largest nugget or most interesting thing you have found in your pan. Treasure hunters: bottles, Chinese pipes, arrow heads. Rock hounds: your most interesting mineral or rock. If you have a special prospecting related collection, other than what you found in the wild, bring it!

You will be able to access the meeting room by 6:45. Tables will be set up for you to display your items.

Of course we have to have a few rules:

- Due to limited space, larger items may not be allowed.
- No guns, explosives or flammable items.
- No medical, or other, needles.
- No knives that have sharp, exposed or non-protected edges.
- All items presented and the safety of same, are the sole responsibility of the presenter.
- The club and its members assume no liability or responsibility for any item presented.
- Tear-down and clean up will begin immediately following the nugget drawings.
- We have to clear the building by 9:00 P.M.

Kathy told me we are getting close to drawing for the big nugget. Look for her article telling about the other nuggets that will be available in August.

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

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The V.P. Corner by Jim Long

What a great meeting we had in July..! There was a lot of information shared and the drawings elicited quite a response as well. The water levels have dropped and the creeks are holding new gold moved down from its hiding places up above. The only way you will get any of it is to get out there and get after it.

The Bemis Library panning demo went great on July 24. See the related article in the newsletter. We have 2 more scheduled for September and that is all that we will do for the year.

Not long ago, a new member asked me about metal detectors and if they should buy a new Whites for 2 grand. I am going to talk a little about that. I once attended a metal detector seminar put on by the factory rep of Whites. I gotta tell you, my eyes were opened considerably after that 1 hour presentation. I learned quite a bit that I never really knew before. And there is a ton of information out there, some of it quite valuable and some of it misleading. If you are an experienced detector and going to prime gold country or Australia, then a top of the line Whites (or any other top brand) may well work for you. But if you are a beginner and just learning your



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way around, you can spend your money a lot wiser. Sure, there are still nuggets out there to be found but most of us are going to find very few of them. That is because we are 'recreational' prospectors. If we were hard core and dedicated full time prospectors, we wouldn't be fooling around in Clear Creek or at Cache Creek. We would be west of Stanton, Arizona, or up in the Mother Lode in California, or in the gold fields of Australia. But we are not. We are here for a multitude of reasons. And therefore, a 250.00 Bounty Hunter from Garrett will do just fine for you, or any other of a dozen brands that are capable of finding coins and other artifacts as well as gold and silver jewelry. They are more versatile for the average recreational prospector and will provide just as much fun as well as a variety of 'treasure' for you until your skill level grows sufficient for you to want to invest in the higher end machines. And that is exactly what the big Whites factory rep told me and some 40 other people who were in attendance in his seminar. I have a hard time believing that the guy would tell me that my Bounty Hunter and Gold Bug 2 were just fine when he had the chance to sell me a 1500 or 2000 dollar machine, unless it was true. And honesty like that is hard to come by today!

And that is how I see it from here. Hope to see each of you at the August meeting. Until we meet again, keep your sunny side up and may the bottom of your pan turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'!

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From the Ledger Of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks to J.J. Long, Phillip Huff and Joe Johnston for the donations for the members only drawing.

We will give away a total of 7.3 grams of gold at the August meeting. 1 nugget will be 2.1 grams.

We will continue to sell tickets for a special nugget. The nugget weighs 14.8 grams; it is from the Dunglen Mining District of Nevada. This drawing is for club members only, tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 tickets for \$5.00.

We will give away the nugget at the October or November meeting depending on August ticket sales.

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

Board Meeting Minutes for July 2010 Meeting

Roll Call: Attending

X	Gary Hawley	X	Rob Deschambault	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Susan Duncanson		Aaron Ingalls
X	James Long	X	Sue Lemieux	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Joe Johnston		
X	Don Bray	X	Joe Shubert	X	Andy Doll	X	Kathy Hawley		

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:08 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: New member applications.

Committee Reports: Web site: 100,697 hits since our inception.

Unfinished Business: Jim Long – June 25 panning demo report.

Jim Long – July 24 - Bemis Library panning demo.

New Business: Gary Hawley – Colorado Annual Report has been filed with the State.

Gary Hawley – Nothing new to report on forming an LLC. The RMPH accountant has not returned a call with information. (as promised)

Gary Hawley – Panning demo – Sept. 9, 10 11. Do we want it? Jim Long will contact the event coordinator and discuss the situation with Gary Hawley.

Planned Outings: Sue Lemieux – July 31 – Phoenix Mine tour. Meet @ 10:15 at the mine parking lot. This is not a private guided tour.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

This thing all things devours:
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays Kings, ruins town,
And beats high mountains
down.

What am I?



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Gary Hawley – August 6, 7, 8 – President's Day Out – Cache Creek.

Announcements: Next board meeting: August 18, 2010, at 6:00 P.M.
Next general meeting: August 18, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program: Video on panning procedures.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Panning Demo at Bemis Library by Jim Long

The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies conducted a gold panning demo at the Bemis Library in Littleton, Colorado on Saturday, July 24, 2010. The Demonstration was conducted for patrons of the Library as part of the Cultural Program that is offered by the Library in cooperation with the City of Littleton.

During the 3 hour event, approximately 110 people actually tried their hand at panning for gold. About half of that number consisted of children aged 4 through 14 and the rest were adults. Nobody seemed to mind getting their hands wet at all. They all seemed to have a good time learned a lot about the history of gold discovery and mining in Colorado. The weather cooperated very well this time and the day turned out to be very nice.

My personal thanks go to Chuck Cowan, Mike Hurtado, Brandon Luchtenburg, and Don Luchtenburg who pitched in to help make this event a success and made my job a whole lot easier. Thank you very much.



From the Webmaster

If you haven't had a chance to take a look of the videos available on the web site. When we have guest speakers or something special going on at the meetings I will record it and list it here. These are not streaming videos so download and save them to your computer. Then run it.

No new videos from the July meeting. I will be recording the show and tell presentations at the August meeting.

Thanks: Andy Doll

General Meeting Minutes for July 2010 Meeting

1. President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.
2. LeRoy Lamgo led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, to open the meeting.
3. Gary announced that according to the Board Meeting treasurer's report the club is still operating in the black. Also Gary said that "nugget drawing" gold supply looks good up to the end of the year.
4. Gary thanked Mike Hurtado of "the three amigos" for them leading a couple of Saturday panning outings this past month and also for Mike serving as the GPR membership coordinator. Gary asked and Mike reported that we have 108 paid memberships with 3 new members and 3 guests, tonight, for a meeting attendance of 49.
5. Gary commented on some e-mails he received since the last meeting. Noting that one was from a new member thanking the membership for being so friendly and helpful to him.



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6. Gary asked Jim Long, vice president, for any announcements he had for the membership. Jim's announcements were:
 - The last panning demonstration event on June 25 for NALEO was quite successful and netted the club \$300.00. Jim thanked Brandon and Don Luchtenburg and Hank Innerfeld for their help with that event.
 - The next panning demonstration event is Saturday, July 24th for the Bemis Library, in Littleton, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (this event is rescheduled from an earlier cancellation, due to bad weather). Jim has 6 volunteers signed up for this but needs 2 more; see him at the break if you are interested.
 - In follow up to a member question raised at last month's meeting regarding panning access to Clear Creek near the dog pound, Jim stated that he has contacted Colleen Gadd, supervisor of Jeffco open space. Colleen advised him that the "Jeffco Facilities People" oversee the creek there and that their supervisor "has some concerns regarding liability issues". Jim will be working with these people over the next couple of months to try and resolve these issues and gain access to the creek for panning.
 - Jim is in receipt of a thank you letter from the Aurora Water Festival folks thanking GPR for our participation in their event in May (our first panning demo of the summer). Approximately 1500 students and teachers attended this event.
7. Gary announced that he will hide the next cache target in August and will start giving clues at the August meeting.
8. Gary thanked Sue Lemieux, events coordinator, for her efforts in planning a very successful field trip to the Cresson Gold Mine in Victor (Cripple Creek) on June 26.
9. Gary called on Sue Lemieux to make her announcements and she announced the following:
 - Sue's next scheduled field trip is to the Phoenix Gold Mine in Idaho Springs for Saturday, July 31. Tour start time is 11:00 A.M. Tour cost is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child age 5-11, under 4 free. Gold panning is available with an extra fee and a senior discount is available. Sign up sheet and a map to the meeting site will be on the front table during the break.
 - Sue asked for a show of hands by those people who would be interested in another trip to the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum later this fall and about 16 members expressed an interest in this trip.
 - Sue's "Golden Cupcake Awards", this month, are going to be "Birthday Brownies" for those with July birthdays.
 - The Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) is sponsoring a "Burro Birthday & Bluegrass Festival" on their grounds near Colorado Springs Saturday, August 7. There will be birthday cake, museum equipment demonstrations and bluegrass music from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
10. Gary announced that he, Leroy Lamgo, Joe Johnston and the WMMI burros all have birthdays in August and that he will supply a birthday cake, for all, in lieu of the Golden Cupcakes at the August general meeting.
11. Gary called on Ian Duncanson to read his "question of the month" which is, "Before Geo. Jackson, Green Russell and John Gregory made their gold discoveries; this man in 1850 made the first documented gold discovery in Colorado. Name him?"
12. Gary announced that he is giving away, free, "to a good home" the 3" diameter hose lying on the front table since he no longer plans on high banking or dredging. Also the club store is open tonight at the break.
13. Gary explained the "Members-Only" drawings for the benefit of the visitors and new members in attendance. He also stated that Kathy is still selling tickets for the 14.8 gram Nevada nugget "Members-Only" drawing.
14. Jim Long announced that he is planning a new member-panning outing for August. If you are interested in participating contact Jim during the break and he will set a convenient date.



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15. Gary announced that next month's meeting program will be "show and tell" so bring your most interesting "finds" or favorite piece of equipment to demonstrate. "No gas engines can be run or dynamite exploded within the building."
16. Gary announced that the "President's Day Out" outing is scheduled for Aug. 6 through 8 at Cache Creek located between Buena Vista and Leadville. If you plan on high-banking you will need a permit from BLM.
17. A member raised a question regarding the outcome of Joe Johnston's metal detecting outing June 19. Gary stated that 8 to 10 people participated and that some "goodies" were found. Joe has some of the "goodies" on the table in the back of the room, tonight.
18. Gary announced that Joe Johnston, GPR librarian, has recalled all books out on loan and that next newsletter will list those members "holding out" books.
19. Greg Davis reports that he has been talking with BLM personnel at both the BLM Canon City Field Office and the BLM Colorado State Office in Denver. They tell him that Boulder County authorities have no jurisdiction regarding gold prospecting/panning on any federal owned lands (BLM, Natl. Forest, etc.) within Boulder County and that there are even federal lands in Boulder County open to claims. Be advised that for mechanized equipment operations you will still need federal permits. Further more he has also found out that the Nederland Town Park is open to panning. Caution! It is your responsibility to know the ownership of the property you are on.
20. There is no formal speaker/program tonight
21. Gary announced a 10-minute break, at 7:58. Gary reconvened the meeting at 8:18.
22. Ian announced the answer, for the "question of the month" contest. "In 1850, while in route to the California gold fields, Lewis Ralston, from Georgia, found gold in present day Clear Creek, earlier known as Ralston Creek in his honor. There were 13 entries with 8 winners.
23. Gary stated that a club picnic is in the planning stage that it will probably be in mid to late Sept. at the City Park in Golden, along Clear Creek.
24. Chuck, Kathy, Jim and Gary conducted this evening's "member's-only" and the "club-nugget" drawings. For the "member's-only" drawing, 9 prizes were awarded to members. Eight nuggets for the "club-nugget" drawing were won tonight, the largest being 2.0 gram. All nuggets tonight are from the Sunrise Mine near Winnemucca, NV.
25. Jim Long announced that during the break 7 people expressed an interest in his new-member panning outing. It will be on Sunday, Aug. 15 at Tymkovich Meats, 68 and Washington, Denver around 9am. He will call those on his list to confirm attendance and time. (See the Tymkovich Meats ad on page 7 for a map)
26. Next meeting will be August 18th at 7:00 P.M.
27. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Submitted by, Don Bray, Recorder

Panning Dehydration – Something To Be Aware Of By Gary Hawley

We all enjoy prospecting. Some of us are able to prospect several times a month; some only a few times a summer. Others may only get out to the stream once a year. But, no matter how often, or when, we must be aware of our health and wellbeing. I found the following information and websites on dehydration to be helpful.

"Dehydration occurs when the amount of water leaving the body is greater than the amount being taken in. The body is very dynamic and always changing. This is especially true with water in the body. We lose water routinely when we: breathe and humidified air leaves the body; sweat to cool the body; and urinate or have a bowel movement to rid the body of waste products." (www.MedicineNet.com)



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“Symptoms of dehydration usually begin with thirst and progress to more alarming manifestations as the need for water becomes more dire. The initial signs and symptoms of mild dehydration in adults appear when the body has lost about 2% of its total fluid. These mild dehydration symptoms are often (but not limited to):

- Thirst; Loss of Appetite; Dry Skin; Skin Flushing; Dark Colored Urine; Dry Mouth; fatigue or Weakness; Chills; Head Rushes. (www.SymptomsOfDehydration.com)

It may be the excitement of being away from work and routine chores at home, or it may be the hope of finding the “big” nugget that keeps us so occupied that we forget to drink water. However, it is in our best interest to heed the symptoms listed above so we can brag about our prospecting skills and not our trip to the hospital. Talk to your doctor for more information and guidance.

Sue’s Sluice Box

These items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings.

GPR STORE PRICES

Ben Parker Book	\$12.00	Denim Long Sleeve Shirts	Polo Knit Shirts	Fleece Vests
“New” Black Hats	\$15.00	Small	Medium	Medium
GPR Window Stickers	\$4.00	Medium	Large	Large
Gold Nugget Cling-Ons	\$5.00	Large	XLarge	XLarge
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T-Shirts	\$2.00	2XLarge		
Lanyards	\$2.00	3XLarge		
		4XLarge		
		5XLarge		

Back in the Days’ of Colorado History - Cripple Creek by Jim Long

LEVI & ALONZO WELTY (February 1861)

Alonzo Welty was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 26, 1852. His father, Levi, a native of the same county, removed from there in 1854 to Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois. After 3 years he settled in Assumption, the same State, where he was proprietor of a hotel. In February 1861 he came to Colorado and settled at Buffalo Flats, Summit County, afterward removing to the American Gulch in the same county where he engaged in mining.

During the winter of 1861-62, he was in charge of his stock on Adobe Creek, south of Ca-on City. In the spring of 1862 he rented what was known as the Hardscrable [sic] Ranch in Fremont county, where he carried on a general farm business during the summer. Returning to Summit County in the spring of 1863 he kept a boarding house and also engaged in mining. In the fall he went to Black Hawk and later settled in Denver, where he continued until the fall of 1865. Then he returned to Mendota, Illinois, in order that his children might have needed educational advantages.

In the spring of 1866 he settled on a ranch in El Paso County, Colorado, near Monument, where he engaged in ranching and the stock business. In 1871 he removed his stock to Four Mile Creek, 10 miles west of Cripple Creek. In the spring of 1872 he opened a road to Pisgah Park (now Cripple Creek), which was at that time an excellent summer range for cattle.

He [Alonzo?] and his brother George built the first house erected in the Cripple Creek* district. After 5 years the brothers sold their ranch to Bob and Will Womach who put the patents on the land in order to hold it for their cattle. He then removed to the ranch near Monument where he raised stock, farmed and operated a saw mill. This property is still owned (1898) by the father [Levi] who rents it and makes his home in Colorado Springs at the age of about 75 years.

In 1882 a division of property was made by the brothers, Alozo, George, and Frank Welty, who had been partners, and in this division Alonzo was given two ranches near Monument. In 1890 Alonzo sold out and spent a few months in Pueblo. On January 12, 1892, he went to Cripple Creek and for 6 months was in partnership



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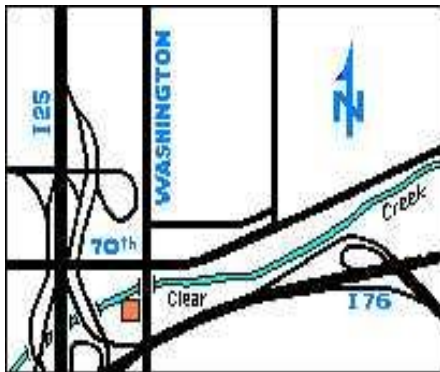
with S. P. Faulkner, his brother-in-law, in the livery business, later buying an interest in a livery business with a Mr. Williams. Four and a half years later he purchased his partner's interest and has since managed the business. After the great fire in which he was burned out, he built a substantial brick barn. He is interested in several mining claims--the Crescent, Bonanza Queen, etc.--owning probably three or four hundred thousand shares in different mining stocks in the district.

On July 20, 1881, he married Miss Luella Bidle of Husted, Colorado, and they have two daughters, Minnie and Lucy.

In the spring of 1872, when Alonzo and his brother George, were building their log house, the first building erected in Cripple Creek, George fell from the roof with a bundle of shingles and was injured by the fall. Two days later one of their hired men was thrown from his horse and his leg was broken. For this reason one of their workmen, Billy Gibbs, suggested **calling the stream "Cripple Creek."** Thus originated the name by which the most famous mining camp in the world is now known.

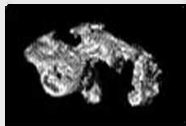
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Contact the GPR President

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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Sept 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
						Advert/Article Copy Deadline
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labor Day			Rosh Hashanah	USGS Free GPS, Map, and Compass Class	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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