

The Prez Sez by Gary Hawley

The weather is still allowing for good gold prospecting possibilities.

Now is the time to check those areas that were under deep water this summer. Be sure to take an extra jacket and cap in case the temperature drops while you are prospecting.

Congratulations to Ian Duncanson for winning the 14.8 gram nugget. Kathy will begin the search for another Members Only nugget to be shown after the first of the year.

Thanks to Sue Lemieux for running our annual Pumpkin Carving contest. The entries were great. Congratulations to the winners. Also, thanks to Sue for the wonderful tour of the School of Mines Museum. There were over 30 members who attended and the behind the scenes side tour was great.

Elections for Board positions will be held at the November 17 meeting. Only Club Members, in good standing, will receive a ballot when they sign in at the door. Joe Shubert will collect the ballots and the results will be published in the December newsletter.

Also at the November 17 meeting, **nominations for the Ken Barker Award** will be accepted. This award, in honor of Ken Barker, is to recognize a club member who goes beyond what is expected in the promotion of gold prospecting and in support and promotion of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. The president and vice president are not allowed to be nominated for this award. All other club members are eligible.

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

Well, Halloween has come and gone and all the little witches, fairies, goblins, and other assorted creatures of the season should have enough

treats to last them a few weeks or so. I hope all of you had a good time and at most of our ages, eating too much candy is a bad thing, so take it easy.

I had a good time on the mountain getting a decent buck antelope and a nice elk but no deer. The wife is slowly healing up with the broken leg, so things are getting back to normal at my diggings.

I see that the price of gold has been holding steady in the mid-1300's for the last month or so. I never thought I would see the day that gold prices would be that high, especially with the recession and economic slowdown that has persisted for the last year and a half or more. These high prices should provide enough incentive to get out there and do a little prospecting if you have the time to do it. The weather has not been too bad this Fall and the almanac indicates that this Winter will be dryer and warmer than normal. We have had no snow to speak of as of yet and Clear Creek remains easily accessible, so there is really no excuse for getting out there and getting after it.

I have found it interesting this summer to see how many people around the State of Colorado and especially here on the Front Range, have had water as their theme in the local festivals that have been held all the way from Aurora up to Breckenridge. They all seem to champion the fact that mining has been and still is a part of the cultural beginnings of this State and are teaching this in the schools to the kids. This gives me a bit better feeling that mining and the prospector will not become a thing of the past, at least not in the near future anyway. But we can never let down our guard. We should not become apathetic or too complacent. I have always been horribly appreciative as well as supportive of our military and the people who served in the past and who serve now to protect our freedoms for the same reason. And because the founding fathers of this great nation have seen fit to guaranteed me certain constitutional rights, I have therefore deemed it to be my civic duty to vote in every election that is available to me, just as I consider it my civic duty to donate blood every 61 days for those in need. I don't know what causes each of you may support but I certainly hope you have some as I do. Some things are just too important to leave in the hands of others when there are things that we can and should do. For he who does nothing has no basis for complaint.



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And that is how I see it from here. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming November meeting. So 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 Phillip Huff, Leroy Lamgo, Lloyd Lauck and Joe Johnston for the donations for the members only drawing. Congratulations to Ian Duncanson, he is the proud owner of the 14.8 gram nugget that we gave away at the October meeting.

We will give away a total of 8.0 grams of gold at the November meeting, one nugget will be 3.1 grams.

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

Board Meeting Minutes From Oct 2010

Roll Call: Attending

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

Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley.

Corrections: Rob Deschambault was present at the September 15 meeting, Joe Fortunato was absent.

Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer's Report. Read by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. New member applications.

Committee Reports: Web hits: Andy Doll reports there is a problem with the counter. He will work on it.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Elections: Who is staying?

Planned Outings: October 23 @ 9:30 a.m. – School of Mines Museum tour.

Announcements:

- Joe Johnston is new president of GPAA Golden Chapter, Foothills Prospector.
- Next board meeting: November 17, 2010, at 6:00 P.M.
- Next general meeting: November 17, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight's general meeting program:

- Board Member Election nominations.
- Ken Barker Award nominations (next month).
- Pumpkin carving contest.
- Big nugget drawing.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Alive without breath,
 As cold as death;
 Never thirsty, ever drinking,
 All in mail never clinking.
 What am I?

Ken Barker Award by Joe Shubert

Hello GPR Club Members

It's November and time to be thinking about nominating a club member for the Ken Barker Award.



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Ken Barker was a past Vice-President of the club, who spent a lot of time promoting Recreational Gold Prospecting, helping anyone that needed help and promoting the club. Ken passed away while in office therefore the club started this award in his memory.

- 1) A person nominated for this award must be a Club Member in good standing.
- 2) Promotes gold prospecting.
- 3) Promotes the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.
- 4) Participates in Club Activities.
- 5) Anticipates the needs of the Club and does his/her best to fulfill those needs.
- 6) Contributes to the success of the Club with his/her extra efforts.

The nomination form will be given to you, if you want nominate someone, when you sign in at the **November** meeting. The results will be compiled and the winner announced at the Clubs December meeting.

ELECTION TIME by Joe Shubert

Hello agine GPR Club Members.

November is election month. Qualifications to run for office:

- 1) Must be a Club member in good standing.
- 2) Candidates for President and Vice President must have been active as a Committee person, Officer, or a director on the board.
- 3) The list of nominees will be compiled on a ballot form for the November meeting. Only Club Member will receive a ballot when they sign in at the meeting. A sealed ballot box will be present for all completed ballots to be placed into.
- 4) The ballots will be counted and the results printed in the December.

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.

Recording of the 14 gram nugget drawing at the Oct meeting.

Thanks: Andy Doll

General Meeting Minutes From Oct 2010

1. President Gary Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
2. Leroy Lamgo opened the meeting by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Gary announced that the GPR has re-registered as a sponsor of the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI). He further reminded the membership of some of the benefits that GPR members are entitled to as a result of this sponsorship such as; free museum entrance, discounts for the museum store and for museum publications. Check the WMMI website at <http://www.wmmi.org/> for up-coming events.
4. Gary announced that according to the Board Meeting treasurer's report the club's finances remain in the black. Gary also reminded members that Kathy has a copy of the full balance sheet available for any member's inspection.
5. Gary announced that Jim Long, GPR Vice President, would not be in attendance tonight.
6. Gary introduced Rob Deschambault and thanked him for managing the club store, which will be open during tonight's break.
7. Gary asked Mike Hurtado for this evening's membership report. Mike reported that we have 4 new members, 58 in attendance with 5 guests and 116 paid memberships tonight.
8. Gary reminded the membership that tonight the "Special Members-Only" drawing, for the 14.8 gram Nevada nugget, would occur. Ticket sales were closed after last month's meeting for this drawing.



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9. Gary introduced Joe Johnson, GPR board member, librarian and metal detectorist. Gary stated that Joe has recently been elected president of the “Foothills Prospectors” (the Golden, CO Chapter of the GPAA). Joe stated that the “Foothills Prospectors” meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4171 near Camp George West in Golden. Their website is at <http://www.foothillsprospectors.com/>.
10. Gary called on Susan Duncanson, in Ian’s absence, to read his “Question of the Month” which is,
“A box without hinges, key, or lid,
Yet golden treasure inside is hid.
What am I?”
Sue will collect your answers to this question during the break and distribute a “Club Nugget” drawing ticket to each person turning in a correct answer.
11. Gary asked Sue Lemieux to come forward to make her announcements and she announced the following:
 - She and Rob are providing cake & ice cream, in lieu of “Golden Cupcakes”, tonight for month of October birthdays. Four members signed up as having October birthdays tonight; Rob Deschambault, Sue Lemieux, Jay Nunn, and Chuck Cowan.
 - This Saturday, Oct. 23rd is the scheduled field trip to the CSM Geology Museum, in Golden. Meet at the Museum at 9:30 A.M. for the 10:00 A.M. tour. She will have maps, information and a sign-up sheet on the front table during the break, tonight.
 - Tonight there are 7 carved pumpkins on the back table, entries for the annual “Pumpkin Carving Contest”. Members are asked to vote for their favorite one by writing its number on a piece of paper and dropping it in the caldron provided. Each entrant will be given a ticket for tonight’s “Club Nugget Drawing” with the third place contest winner receiving two tickets, second place three tickets and first place four tickets.
12. Gary announced that he has hidden the “GPR Cache” and that those seeking to find it should keep checking the GPR website to see if it has been found. The website will announce that it has been found when that occurs. The cache must be within 25 miles of the state capitol. Gary then read the first of his clues.
13. Gary thanked Leslie Schomer for her help with trying to find someone who could attend our meetings and “sign” for one of our members who is deaf. They are still working to find a solution to this dilemma.
14. Gary thanked Sue Clover, Sue Lemieux and Susan Duncanson for helping provide the refreshments for this month’s meeting. Kathy Hawley, Peg Brozek and Gina Fielding volunteered to help provide refreshments for the November meeting.
15. Gary announced the meeting refreshment break, at 7:43. At 8:03 Gary reconvened the meeting.
16. Gary announced that during the break Sue Clover has volunteered to take over the “Question of the Month” duties starting in January 2011.
17. Gary asked Susan Duncanson to announce the answer to the “Question of the Month” contest. She stated that she had 19 contest entries with 13 being correct. The correct answer is “an egg”. This poem/riddle comes from “The Hobbit” by J. R. R. Tolkien.
18. Gary called on Sue Lemieux to announce the winners of the “Pumpkin Carving Contest”. Sue stated that there were 7 entries and that the 3rd place winner was “Diehard Miner” (by Gary Hawley). The 2nd place winner was “Muck Cart” (by Sue Lemieux) and the 1st place went to “Goofy Miner” (by Rob Deschambault).
19. Gary reminded the membership and visitors about the importance of being sure of the ownership of the land on which you are prospecting and of having permission to be there.
20. Gary called on Sue Lemieux, in Joe Shubert’s absence, to announce that Joe is still receiving nominations for GPR officers and board members. Sue has nomination forms here tonight. All nominees must be “club members in good standing” and nominees for the offices of president and vice president must have been, previously, a committee chairman, officer or member of the board of directors. Nomination forms must be turned in, in person, to the nomination committee coordinator (Joe, via Sue) by tonight or by one week before the Nov. meeting, if by e-mail. Voting will occur at the Nov. meeting.
21. Kathy, Chuck and Gary conducted this evening’s “Members-Only” and the “Club-Nugget” drawings. For the “Member’s-Only” drawing (white ticket), 9 prizes were awarded to members. Eight nuggets for the



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“Club-Nugget” drawing (red ticket) were won tonight, the largest being 2.3 gram. The “Special Members-Only” nugget drawing for the 14.8 gram nugget, was won by a GPR member “in good standing”. All nuggets tonight are from the Sunrise Mine near Winnemucca, NV.

22. Next meeting will be November 17th at 7:00 P.M.

23. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Submitted by, Don Bray, Recorder

Back in the Days By Jim Long

A Glimpse at Colorado’s History Nevadaville (Nevada, Nevada City, Bald Mountain)

In 1859-60, when much of the population of this section lived in one steady stream through the mining area, a large part of these miners were concentrated along Nevada Gulch two or three miles above the site of Central City.

The camp that emerged was named Nevada City for the gold camp in California. The post office department, fearing confusion with the other city, changed the name, and Nevadaville was finally accepted by both the residents and the post office.

During those early, confusing years in the area, Nevadaville threatened to be THE camp in the district. The population topped the 1000 mark and scores of prosperous businesses lined the gulch. Nevadaville boasted one of the first schools in the area, attended by some 150 students.

When residents in one section of the city threatened to secede and form their own community, the newly elected officials were quickly arrested and charged with ‘secession’.

Contrary to some histories of the area, Nevadaville never faded completely until recent years. It had its ups and downs, however. It flourished in the early 60’s, again in the late 70’s, was almost emptied in the panic of ’93, but renewed activity in the late 90’s brought new posterity and a peak population of 1200 by the turn of the century.

There was some activity here just before the first World War and again in the 1930’s. But Nevadaville has been a ghost town since World War II. Many cabins remain, some are even occupied. The old cemetery that served Nevadaville and Black Hawk is visible, full of headstones and weeds. During its day, Nevadaville was the scene of much of the winter sports activities in the Central City area. The snow run between Nevadaville and Black Hawk, dropping 500 feet in two miles was famous. The run was in almost continuous use for sleds and snowshoes, similar to present day skis.

The Glory Hole mine has always been a tourist attraction and still is. The mining hole is more than 300 feet deep in spots and 1000 feet long. The California mine here had the deepest shaft of any mine in the area, 2230 feet deep.

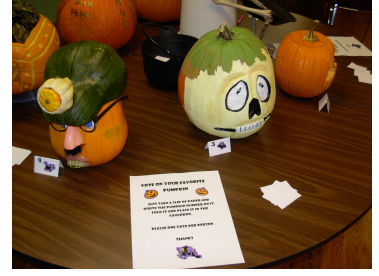
Gold Dust: Lack of water and its high and uneven terrain were the two major reasons Nevadaville never achieved the prominence of Central City.....but the early citizens were positive their city would be tops in the area. They built many of their buildings in brick, including a city hall.....’Nevada’ is Spanish for snowclad or snowy land.....Nevadaville had several quartz mills.....Central City character Pat Casey owned a mine here.....in addition to its winter sports activity, Nevadaville was noted for its rock-drilling contests and has some of the best drillers in the region.....pitchblende, from which radium is extracted, has been mined here in recent years.

Taken from a Guide to Colorado’s Ghost Towns and Mining Camps by Perry Eberhart 1959



Sue's Sluice Box

Here are some more pictures from the Oct pumpkin carving contest and from the Colorado School of Mines museum tour featuring the "Once Lost, Now Found MOON ROCK."



If I Could Go, Where Would I Go and Why? By Jim Long

Ranking sixth among all the mining districts in the entire United States, Leadville is an outstanding mineral producer. Including the smaller mining districts in Lake County, this part of Colorado is rich in historical lore. In few other places in the state is the atmosphere of the old west any better preserved. Originally settled as a placer gold camp, Leadville changed to the mining of lead and then silver and other metals.

Gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc are the chief metals of the Leadville ores. Pyrite for the manufacture of sulfuric acid, bismuth, and iron ore and manganese-iron for metallurgical purposes are other products of this district. The innumerable mine dumps in and around Leadville furnish ordinary specimens of practically all the minerals that have been mined here: only occasional material is of any value, however.

The Alma district in Park County east of Leadville, was a noted producer of a variety of metals, chiefly gold.

Breckenridge, in Summit County 16 miles north of Alma on Colo. 9, is another center for the mining of metals.

So also is Kokomo, which is 16 miles northeast of Leadville on Colo. 91. Kokomo is especially familiar to collectors as an old source of large and bright pyrite crystals.

Four miles closer to Leadville is Climax, once the highest incorporated town in the United States and the site of the largest deposit of molybdenite in the world. For many years the Climax Mine accounted for 85% of the entire world's production of this important steel alloy mineral, which in appearance and softness closely resembles graphite. Across the highway from Climax is the gem locality of Chalk Mountain. This area is known for its outstanding specimens of pink soda pot ash feldspar as well as molybdenite and early Pennsylvania Age fossils from the shale beds.

Twenty five miles north of Leadville on US 24, across Tennessee Pass, is the town of Gilman in what is also known as the Red Cliff or Battle Mountain mining district. Gilman is perched precariously at the edge of the cliff wall of Eagle Canyon, high above the railroad which winds its way below. Early mining was done in the walls of the canyon but is now



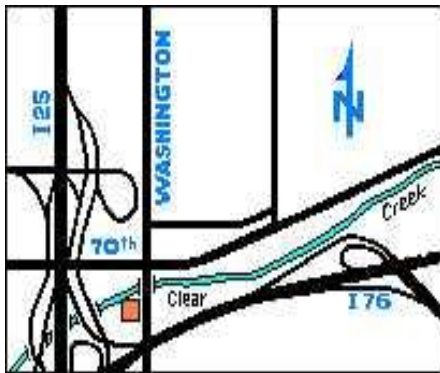
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concentrated under Battle Mountain. The Eagle Mine is the fifth largest zinc mine in the United States and the largest copper and silver mine in Colorado.

The famed silver camp of Aspen, recently revived as a tourist resort, is west of Leadville and reached either by way of the Twin Lakes mining district or through Glenwood Springs. Enormous masses of native silver and thick matted wire silver, favorites among mineral collectors everywhere have come from the mines at Aspen, which include such famous names as the Smuggler Mine and the Mollie Gibson Mine.

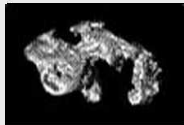
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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Dec 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				First Day of Hanukkah		Advert/Article Copy Deadline
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Pearl Harbor Day			USGS Free GPS, Map, and Compass Class	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			GPR Club Meeting (Christmas Potluck Dinner)			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		First Day of Winter			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
First Day of Kwanzaa					New Years Eve	