

The Prez Sez by Jim Long

The March 25 Outing on Clear Creek was very well attended with about 30 members taking part. We started the day with a trash cleanup and collected a whole truck full. Though the water level was very low, everyone was able to pan and share some of the few sluicing spots left.

I noticed a young woman filming the parking lot as I was leaving and later heard that she was filming everyone on the Creek and yelling and ranting and raving. We have seen her before. She is a chronic complainer who calls Wheatridge a lot. Since this is a family publication, I won't say what I think of her and her ravings. But it does bring up an interesting topic of conversation. What do you do when

people like her show up and create a hostile and negative atmosphere? I can assure you that there is no talking to her. We have tried. She doesn't want to hear anything anybody has to say. She believes she is right and her tactic is to yell and scream and not listen to anyone or anything until everyone else gives up and just goes away. To her, that makes her a winner, in her mind. To me, I recognize the loser she really is and that she is incapable of tolerance and unwilling to listen to anyone else's viewpoint. You just can't argue with stupid..!

So what do you do? I strongly suggest that you do nothing to confront these people. You can offer to explain what we do and how we do it, and even offer to show them. I have found that many people will closely listen to you and actually will begin to show a little interest in what you are doing and even begin to ask good questions. It is up to you to take a teaching role and take a few moments of your time to answer all their questions. If you do a good job of it, most of them will thank you for taking the time to explain things to them. During our Outing on Sunday, I had at least a dozen or more people stop and thank us for cleaning up the stream and the bike trail. In my mind, we were the winners that day. We received far more compliments than the one ranting tirade of a young woman with inexplicable issues. Now, you may feel that you don't need to bother with explaining what it is you are doing, and that sensible adults ought to be able to figure it out for themselves, and besides, you might lose some precious gold panning time. But I can assure you, the time you spend interacting with some people is far more valuable than the little amount of gold you may or may not be finding. Public Relations is not just a term. It has become very important in all aspects of our lives. Mining today is under attack. Small scale mining is fast becoming a victim as well. People don't think about individual miners or prospectors or metal detectorists when they are attacking mining interests. They think only in terms of the bigger companies and corporations and visualize huge tracts of land being scarred and destroyed. The latest TV show called 'Gold Rush' did not help us either. The Hoffman's' only wanted to dig huge holes, and didn't do any reclamation whatsoever. The result was that federal inspectors came into the Porcupine area for the 2011 season and inspected everyone else's operations. That resulted in higher bonds and forced Plans of Operation and Plans of Reclamation and inspections periodically to see that they do what they said they were going to do. That kind of mining causes huge image issues and all miners wind up with the black eye that results. This is why the Forest Service and the BLM have been cracking down on mining claims and demanding that before you can work a claim, you have to have not only a Plan of Operation (says what you are going to do), but you also need a Plan of Reclamation.(how you are going to fix what you did). And they are starting to check up on claim owners to enforce those rules. The penalty for failure to comply is loss of claim. That is partly why the BLM banned motorized equipment this year at Cache Creek. Many of us saw it coming.

Whenever you have the opportunity to interact with someone in a positive way, you are making progress for all the rest of us. We don't need any more of the 'Hoffman' illustrations. We are in the public relations business now, or community relations, whether we like it or not. We all need to work together to insure that we put our best image possible out there for others to see.

Well, that is about all I have from here for now. So until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com.

Happy and safe prospecting to all.!!!

NOTE: The April meeting will feature guest speaker Gale Gresham who will speak on the Colorado ghost town of Cache Creek. Gale is a direct descendent of the original founders of the old ghost town back in the glory days of the Colorado Gold Rush. This is a presentation steeped in Colorado history and is a place that many of us have prospected in recent years.



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The V.P. Corner by Mike Hurt

great-grandson of Zebulon Pike (Monty Pike).

Part #2

Lewis Ralston. In June of 1850, camped near the present site of Arvada, Rolston found a little gold in the branch of Clear Creek, this find played out almost at once and the prospectors moved on west. California proved no more fruitful and some of the Cherokee returned home.

Their stories, however, interested William Green Russell, a white man who had married Cherokee woman.

In February- of 1858, Russell gathered around him a party of twenty men and struck out for the Pike's Peak region. Joined by some fifty Cherokee from Indian territory, the train pushed up into Kansas, then turning westward again. Traveling across much of a financial panic of 1857, the Russell party spread the contagion of their gold fever in every settlement they passed. Soon other companies were forming to follow them to the gold fields, before they could scoop up all that glittering treasure. From Georgia to Kansas men began to take first steps, which would evolve into the head long westward plunge of the " Pike's Peak or Bust" stampede. I hope this will give you more history on the road to Colorado History,

If you have any questions you contact me any time at 720-443-9545.

I hope you enjoyed the history lesson in March about Zebulon Pike. For me this was a special privilege, as I served in U.S. Army with the

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Peg Brozek

Thanks to JJ Long and Lloyd Lauck for their contributions to the members' only drawings.

This month we will have a total of 7.1 grms of nuggets; three will be over 1 gm and the largest will be 1.8 gm.

JJ is on the hunt for another ' special' nugget and the club, in the not to distant future, will be buying more nuggets for the monthly drawings.

Good Luck to all!!

Peg

Board Meeting Minutes From Mar 2012

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Don Luchtenburg
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston		Terry Weatherly	X	Greg Davis
X	Peg Brozek	X	Sue Lemieux	X	Andy Doll		
	Gary Hawley						

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:03pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes

Corrections: none Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report:

Questions: none Approved: yes

Correspondence: 7 phone calls, 11 e-mails, 1 mailing.

Committee Reports:

Mike H. reported he is putting Applications with the brochures at CSM and Golden Detectors and waiting on prices for Pins.

Greg D. stated Membership Table is doing ok but is short on badges. Mike H. will order some.

Webmaster: Total Hits 120225. Hits for last month 968.

Unfinished business:

Committee to work on Commemorative Coin is Greg D., Sue L., and Andy D.

Vision Statement will be decided in April.

New business:

Decision to take Club membership in PLP, passed by majority.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who first found gold at Sutter's mill?



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Pres. JJ will be working with Eureka Club on presentation to Wheatridge City Council ref their ban on small scale mining.

Planned Outings for 2011: As of this date, the following outings are established:

- Mar. 25 Su Prospect Outing on Clear Creek at Youngfield. 10a. Collect trash for 1 hr.
- Apr. 21 Sa Prospect Outing on Clear Creek at Youngfield. 10a.
- Apr. 28 Sa Tour of Money Museum in Colo. Springs.
- May 5 Sa Panning/sluicing Class on Clear Creek for new people. 10a.
- May 18 Fr Panning Demo at Aurora Youth Water Festival. Will need 6/7 experienced panning volunteers. Sign up at Apr meeting.
- May 19 Sa Prospect Outing at Clay County Mine, Blackhawk, 10am.
- June 2 Sa Panning Demo at Boulder County Museum. 12n – 4p.
- Sept. 22-23 GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We will attempt to get a booth.

No other specific planned outings are scheduled!!!

From the Floor:

- Joe J. still requesting return of library books in timely manner.
- Sue L. stated she has a tour planned for 4/28 at Money Museum.
- Andy will drop non-member e-mails prior to sending next newsletter.
- Greg D. looking for anybody with dry washing experience.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting Apr 18, 2012 at 6:00pm.

Next General Meeting Apr 18, 2012 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: JJ will show 20 minutes of assorted video of prospecting in different ways and places.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:59pm.

2012 GPR Board of Directors Members

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Joe Shubert (2011)

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Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Don Luchtenburg

Greg Davis

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General Meeting Minutes From Mar 2012

- 1) Meeting was opened at 7:10p by Pres. JJ Long with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) The evening program was an assorted video presentation by Pres. Long of prospecting in different locations and ways. Program lasted about 23 minutes.
- 3) Treasurer Peg Brozek reported that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it.
- 4) Pres. Long gave Metals Report with gold at about 1650 an ounce, silver at 323, platinum at 1620 and palladium at 640.
- 5) Web hits for last month were up a little, reflecting only 968 hits for last 30 days.
- 6) Richard Harrison reported from Membership Table that approx. 95 people were in attendance. There were 27 guests/visitors and 6 new members, and 66 paid members. Membership closed 2011 at 120 members. A reminder to all that 2012 Annual Dues are due now so please get it taken care of soon. Club will drop e-mails of unpaid members at issuance of April Newsletter.
- 7) Sue Clover delivered the Question of the Month to the attendees. 'Where is the largest storage location of gold in the world?'
- 8) Rob Deschambault presented the 2012 Cache Clue #1 to the membership.
- 9) Sue Lemieux reported having 2 books for tonight's auction, one about California's Death Valley Gold strikes and the other about Arizona's Gold Hill.
- 10) Rob Deschambault reports that the Club Store still has a lot of products for sale, so please support your Club and purchase several. They make great gift items as well. This will be Rob's last year overseeing the Store and we will be seeking a volunteer to take over. Rob and Sue L. have had this responsibility for about 5 years at least.



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- 11) Greg Davis announced that he would be willing to host a 2nd Annual Red Dog Outing in California and asked that anyone interested in going let him know as he has a cabin reserved out there.
- 12) Pres. Long reported that the following scheduled outings for 2012 to date:
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No other specific planned outings are scheduled at this moment but there will be plenty more to come !!!
- 13) Pres. Long also informed the membership that the Club has joined with the Eureka Club to approach the City Council of Wheatridge in reference to their total ban on all mining, metal detecting, and even GEO caching. A committee exists that is preparing evidence and research to support our request to set aside the ban and redraft the existing law. We will keep everyone informed. Still working on the Adams County ban of motorized equipment as well. Also, the California ban on dredging is coming to a head and the Judge will hear the final arguments on May 20 and render his decision. We believe he is leaning to approving mining to include dredging and fully expect an appeal to be filed.
- 14) The Board has assigned a Committee of Greg Davis, Sue Lemieux, and Andy Doll to work on developing the Commemorative Club Coin.
- 15) The membership was informed of the total ban issued by the BLM for 2012 on all motorized equipment at Cache Creek. We suspected this was coming because of the brutal assault on the area mostly by greedy out of state prospectors that most of us have witnessed and the failure of the BLM to aggressively enforce their own rules and regulations.
- 16) A reminder from Joe Johnston, our Librarian, for those of you who have checked out material to please return it soon as you can so others can enjoy reading it as well.
- 17) Pres. Long announced at break at 8:15pm
- 18) Meeting called back to order at 8:30pm.
- 19) Pres. Long thanked all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Pam Smith and Don Bray graciously agreed to assist in bringing refreshments for April. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread. With the number of attendees skyrocketing recently, this really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. I personally appreciate the efforts that each and every one of you make to make the refreshment table enjoyable.
- 20) Sue Clover announced that there were 34 winners of the ‘Question of the Month’ and that the answer was the Federal Reserve Bank in lower Manhattan in New York City, which holds far more gold than Fort Knox..
- 21) The evening was concluded with drawings for door prizes followed by drawings for the gold nuggets, A reminder that holders of drawing tickets who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they can donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were Chuck Cown and Peg Brozek.
- 22) The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.



Sue's Sluice Box

Money Museum Tour

Saturday, April 28

Meeting Time: 10:00 am (Museum opens at 10:30am)

Where: 818 N. Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (We will meet here)

(Maps available at Meeting)

Cost: \$5.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for Seniors and Children under 12 - FREE

This is the place where they've really got the bucks! The museum has a variety of exhibits. The showpiece of the museum is the Harry W. Bass Jr. coin collection. This is the most complete collection of US Gold and experimental "pattern" coins you'll find anywhere. Many of the coins in this collection are extremely rare, one-of-a-kind specimens. In addition to its extensive coin collection, the museum has outstanding displays of US paper money, tokens, bank drafts, and other items of historical interest. Note: A new exhibit "Money of the Civil War". The museum has an attractive Gift Shop and Library.

Enjoy touring the Money Museum, at your own pace.

Any Questions: Come and talk with me or call 413-668-6008.

I hope you can attend this fascinating museum!

See you at the museum!

Sluicin' Sue

GPR STORE PRICES

Ben Parker Book	\$12.00	<u>Denim Long Sleeve Shirts</u>	<u>Polo Knit Shirts</u>	<u>Fleece Vests</u>
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White Vinyl Stickers	\$6.00	XLarge	2XLarge	2XLarge
T-Shirts	\$2.00	2XLarge		
Lanyards	\$2.00	3XLarge		
		4XLarge		
		5XLarge		

Sluicin' Sue

Clear Club Outing March 25 on Clear Creek by Jim Long

The Club Outing and Trash Cleanup for March was held on the 25th on Clear Creek. The Club met at 10am and armed with trash bags, buckets, and plenty of energy, began at the I-70 Bridge and worked both sides of the Creek west clear to the Walk Bridge, about a half mile away, cleaning up trash and other debris.

Some 30 members (1/3 of the Club) joined us for this event. There were some of you guys/gals I haven't seen on an outing in quite some time. It was good to see so many folks show up for a day of work and fun. The trash collected was enough to fill my 3/4ton truck to overflowing. Besides trash, a lot of metal rebar, posts, and other artifacts were dragged up out of the water, and included an old rubber raft and 2 oars, a very old rusted sluice box and a shovel with a taped on improvised wooden stick handle.

After the cleanup, everybody headed to the creek for some panning and sluicing. The local Ditch Company had diverted a lot of the water for the Spring irrigation ditch requirements throughout Wheatridge, Lakewood and Arvada, so there wasn't a lot of water for sluicing, but we made it work. I saw some pretty good gold being found.

My personal thanks go to everyone who pitched in on the cleanup. We did a really good job. I managed a few photos.



JJ/s truck completely full of trash.



Trash, old sluice box, & homemade shovel.

Expanded Metal in a Keene A52 Sluice - Part 2 by Greg Davis

I finally got hold of an Engineer at Keene to discuss the proper orientation of the expanded metal (see last months article). To be honest I was surprised to find that he'd apparently never given the issue any thought. His first response was that it should be used as delivered, but then after discussing the direction of the water flow in the bottom of the sluice, he said that in his opinion, the orientation of the expanded metal didn't matter.

If you are running your sluice shallow and fast, then you should probably orient your expanded metal to match the direction of the sluice riffles because the flow of the water against the expanded metal is in a downstream direction. However, if you are running your sluice deep as I usually do, then orient your expanded metal opposite the direction of the sluice riffles. When your sluice is running deep, the water against the expanded metal is actually running upstream. Finally, regardless of whether you're using a pan, sluice or dredge, the most important thing is getting out there, having fun and keeping safe. Good Luck!

A Miner's Laugh

O.M.G., I'm rich!

Silver in the Hair

Gold in the Teeth

Crystals in the Kidneys

Sugar in the Blood

Lead in the Butt

Iron in the Arteries

And an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas.

I never thought I'd live to accumulate such wealth!!



Newsworthy Notes Concerning Mining Interests

Newmont Mining cutting 6000 jobs in Peru: From the Denver Post 3-15 -12

Newmont Mining is cutting 6000 jobs at its suspended \$4.8 billion Peruvian gold project to reduce costs, vice president Carlos Santa Cruz said. The Minas Conga project was halted by environmental protests in November. Newmont Mining has several properties and other interests in Colorado.



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(This goes to show that mining is under attack all over the world. South America has had issues with poor safety records, gang cartels killing mine managers and foremen, and other safety, wage, and union issues for some time – JJ)

Missing Miners body found: From the Denver Post 3-16-12

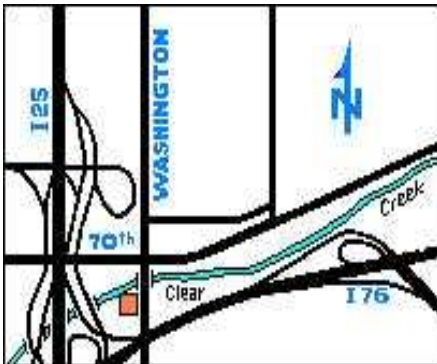
Kevin Lawrence’s body was found about 200 feet inside the small hard rock lode mine he had bought just last year and had been working pretty much by himself. The mine was located about 5miles northwest of Fairplay, Colorado, at about 12,000 feet Lawrence had been searching for gold and silver and had hoped to find enough to hire 4-5 employees this spring to help work the mine. Lawrence had been living in his mine without electricity or heat and was using a solar charger for his phone. The ceiling of the mine had collapsed on Lawrence and it is speculated that he had improperly spaced his timbers for support. The body was eventually recovered by the Park county Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with local search and rescue teams.

(Again, all lode mines are extremely dangerous and it is highly recommended that the utmost safety precautions be taken whenever entering any mine – JJ)

Gold Prices will rise again: From the Denver Post: 3-28-12

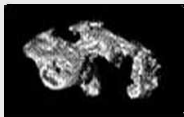
Lakewood, Colorado based Newmont Mining reports that they believe that all the signs are present for gold to start climbing in price on the world’s Markets again this year. Spokesmen for the International mining company are going on record saying they expect gold prices to reach \$2000.00 an ounce during 2012. They also report that they expect Peru to approve the 4.8 billion dollar Minas Conga project soon.

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Coming Announcements and Special Events for May 2012

(WMMI - Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (www.wmmi.org))

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline
6 Nurses Day	7	8	9	10	11	
12 Mothers Day	13	14	15 GPR Club Meeting	16	17 Panning Demo Aurora Water Festival	18 Club Outing TBD Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Memorial Day Observed	29	30 Memorial Day	31	