

The Prez Sez by Jim Long

The May 19 Outing at the Clay County Mine near Black Hawk was a great success. Be sure to check the short story on the Outing further on in this newsletter, but big kudos go to Mike Hurtado for organizing this Outing. The weather was less than sunny and the day closed with some unusual excitement, but some people found gold and others apparently didn't. I, myself, was lucky enough to do pretty well, all in all. I found that the gold I got was extremely small flour gold but there was quite a lot of it. That brings me to what I thought was an interesting point for some discussion.

The gold that I found was extremely small. Oh, there were a few larger pieces but for the most part, the gold reminded me of the beach gold common in Nome, Alaska. Very small and what is commonly called 'flour'. And I strongly suspect that some of you may have had more gold than you may have realized. If you panned it out in any other than bright sunlight, it would be fairly easy to miss some of it, or in fact, a lot of it. I thought I had very little myself when I first started processing it. I ran everything through an 8 screen and then through the high banker. But like I have stated many times before, panning is ultimately where it is really at. By the time I had removed a ton of bullets, some glass, 2 beautiful faceted quartz samples, a few garnets, and started my final cleanup with a small table mini-slucice, I still hadn't seen more than a few small specks of gold. Then I found that there were so many small pieces of lead and bullet fragments that my mini-slucice was gumming up. It reminded me of the old stories of Leadville in the early days when the miner's slucice boxes were gumming up with what was later identified as silver, leading to the second big rush in Leadville. After 3 runs through the mini-slucice, I was finally ready to pan my final concentrates. I got discouraged quickly when I saw all the little lead fragments that were still present. Now keep in mind, lead is almost as heavy as gold and doesn't move very well in the pan either. So I was somewhat dismayed at how difficult it became in short order. Plus, that material was loaded with small floating gold mica. But, remember, I have spoken before about how important patience is to the prospector. So I kept at it. And lo and behold, with the addition of a small drop of jet-dry in each pan to separate the mica from the real gold, I began to see the small gold become plainly visible in the bright sunlight. And I then discovered, as I continued to pan that stuff out that I had a lot more gold than I thought I was going to get. In fact, I did really well considering that I dug a total of 17 buckets between me and my two prospecting partners. Now that was a lot of work but we did get some decent gold. So, thanks Mike, it was a great Outing!!!

On to other news, as I stated in the last meeting, Adams County has agreed with me that a County Ordinance is needed to protect Clear Creek and ensure the continuation of small scale mining there. I will be working closely with them to draft the Ordinance which will permit panning and sluicing but will ban motorized equipment. The recent Suncor benzene spill into Sand Creek which empties directly into the South Platte River has not helped. Contamination is a major concern now and C-Dot has set 3 major bridges in Adams County for repair as a result of undercutting support pillars. Most of that has been attributed to age, time, spring flooding due to run off, and there is some concern that miners are often working too close to these structures. The Ordinance will be like JeffCo and there will be penalties for violations. It will be some time before this all works itself out.

The City of Wheatridge has instituted a free metal detecting permit system as of last month which clearly indicates that the current City Council is more than willing to sit and listen. This constitutes a great victory for the Eureka Treasure Hunters Club who was working on the metal detecting side of things. Good job kudos to Ron Erickson and Steve Montano of the Eureka Club. Now we will have to see how the prospecting side turns out in another month or two. But it is progress which leads to hope that we may someday soon, see significant change there as well.

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!!!

The V.P. Corner by Mike Hurtado

Well fellow prospectors I hope you had a great time at Russell Gulch, I guess you can say that Mother Nature handed us a curve ball, but I can say one thing. That I had a great time. The folks that

came out focused only on finding that one big "NUGGET," some of the folks didn't care if they didn't find a speck of (GOLD) because they enjoyed just being out prospecting with their fellow club members, again it was a great day. I would like to thank everyone that showed up, I think you are going to be surprised at what I have to say, **we have been**



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asked to come back and we will have more space to "EXPLORE," Again thank you. Hopefully (Mother Nature) will be on our side.

Part # 4

We ended with the "Pikes Peak or Bust Stampede".

Reports of gold discoveries continued to spread. Merchants hurried to the gold fields in anticipation of the needs of the thousands of prospectors. Land speculators, envisioning soaring values, followed close behind. From the unemployed and cast-offs to Royalty, men hurried west. An exaggerating, but prophetic, Henry Allen advised friends report back East: "I think with the right kind of tools a person can make from five to twenty-five dollars per day." And Count Henri Murat was later to report that "GOLD is found everywhere you stick your shovel, paying from five to ten cents a pan." The stampede swelled to migratory prospectors.

Of the thousands of Gold- seekers, one hopeful party formed in Lawrence, Kansas, after hearing the Gold reports from Delaware scout Fall Leaf, a former guide for Captain Fremont. Fall Leaf agreed to lead the party, but fell ill on the eve of departure. Without a guide and knowing nothing of prospecting, the party of fifty people set out to follow the Arkansas westward. They tried their luck near the present site of Colorado Springs before pushing on up to South Park and finally moving south to some old Mexican diggings near Fort Garland. They still had not made a strike and were preparing to turn back to Kansas when news reached them, of the Russell discovery at Dry Creek.

The Lawrence party hastened north. They arrived at Dry Creek on September 6th only to find the diggings cleaned out and the Russell party gone in search of richer fields.

The Lawrence party, though not knowledgeable miners, were none the less experienced Town promoters. They laid out Montana City near where the present west Evans Avenue Crosses the Platte, and put up several log houses. Soon, however, some of the men concluded that the meeting point of the Creek and the River was a more promising location. So Montana City died, almost still-born, and most of its citizens moved down Stream to organize a new town.

The St. Charles town Association was formed in September 1858, and a survey of the town site was made on the East bank of Cherry Creek. This property was further staked and claim notices were posted. The Kansans felt autumn in the air, however, and they were anxious to hit the trail for home.

As we get further into some of Colorado mining and prospecting history. We see that Colorado is becoming more then just a distance place to find GOLD.

Again as before if you have any questions, please contact me at any time at 720-443-9545

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Peg Brozek

The club remains very nicely in the black. This month there will be a total of 6.9 grams of nuggets, with the largest being 2.2 grams. Good luck to all.

Peg

Board Meeting Minutes From May 2012

X James Long	X Joe Shubert	X Joe Fortunato	X Don Luchtenburg
X Mike Hurtado	X Joe Johnston	X 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 6:00pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes Corrections: None. Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None Approved: Yes

Correspondence: 8 phone calls, 13 e-mails, 2 mailings

Committee Reports:

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Chemically liquefied gold, injected into the muscle, is a successful treatment for 70% of patients of what disease?



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- Mike H. reported he is getting prices, designs on the pins we want for June meeting.
- Greg D. reported on Comm. Coin, still working on design and vendor.

Webmaster: Total Hits 121570. Hits for last month.670.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: None.

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

- May 18 Fr Panning Demo at Aurora Youth Water Festival. Will need 6/7 experienced panning volunteers. Sign up at Apr/May meeting.
- May 19 Sa Prospect Outing at Clay County Mine, Blackhawk, 10am.
- June 2 Sa Panning Demo at Boulder County Museum. 12n – 4p.
- June 30 Sa Club Outing in Nederland, DTBA.
- July 21-22 Club Outing at Twin Lakes near Leadville. Map to be distributed.
- July 28 Sa Club Tour of Cresson Mine in Victor, Colo. 1pm.
- Aug 4 Sa Club Picnic at Lions Park in Golden. Will eat at 12 noon.
- Aug Club Outing at Cache Creek, DTBA.
- Aug Club Tour of Cresson Gold Mine in Victor, DTBA.
- Sept 6,7,8 Panning Demo at Highlands Ranch Days
- Sept 15 Sa Panning Demo at Idaho Springs.
- Sept. 22-23 GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We will attempt to get a booth.
- Sept 29 Sa Club Outing at Grant Frontier Park. 9am.
- No other specific planned outings are scheduled as of yet !!!

From the Floor:

- JJ discussed current issues involving JeffCo, Wheatridge and Adams County.
- Joe J. requesting vol. to cover Library while he is in Alaska.
- Sue L. stated she will have sign up for the Cresson Mine Tour in Victor.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting June 20, 2012 at 6:00pm.

Next General Meeting June 20, 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 6:58pm.

2012 GPR Board of Directors Members
President James Long
Vice President Mike Hurtado
Secretary/Treasurer Peg Brozek
2 Year Board Members Joe Johnston (2010) Joe Shubert (2011)
1 Year Board Members Sue Lemieux Joe Fortunato Terry Weatherly Andy Doll Don Luchtenburg Greg Davis

General Meeting Minutes From May 2012

1. Meeting was opened at 7:10 by Pres. JJ Long with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The evening program was a series of videos showing general prospecting featuring dredges and sluice boxes
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 the Metals Report with gold at \$1541.30 an ounce, silver at \$27.37, platinum at \$1439.00 and palladium at \$597.00.
5. Web hits for last month were up a little, reflecting only 670 hits for last 30 days.
6. Richard Harrison reported from Membership Table that approx.65 people were in attendance. There were 146 guests/visitors.
7. Sue Clover delivered the Question of the Month to the attendees. 'What Presidential candidate used the symbol of gold (Au) as a campaign symbol?'
8. Rob Deschambault presented the 2012 Cache Clue #3 to the membership.
9. Sue Lemieux reported having 3 books for tonight's auction.



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10. Rob Deshambault 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 are seeking a volunteer to take over. Rob and Sue L. have had this responsibility for about 5 years at least.
11. Mike Huratado announced that he would be leading the May Outing at the Clay County Mine which is in Russell Gulch. It will be a dry outing and everyone will be limited to 10 or 12 buckets of classified material to pan/sluice at your convenience later.
12. Pres. Long reported that the following scheduled outings for 2012 to date:
 - May 18 Fr Panning Demo at Aurora Youth Water Festival. Will need 6/7 experienced panning volunteers. Sign up at Apr/May mtgs.
 - May 19 Sa Prospecting Outing at Clay County Mine, Blackhawk, 10am
 - June 2 Sa Panning Demo at Boulder County Museum. 12n – 4p. Any skill level fine.
 - June 30 Sa Prospecting Outing in Nederland. Prizes for collecting glass.
 - July 21-22 Prospecting Outing at Twin Lakes near Leadville. Map to be distributed.
 - July 28 Sa Club Tour of Cresson Gold Mine in Victor. Meet at 1pm. Sign up sheet limited to 13.
 - Aug 4 Sa Club Picnic in Lions Park, Golden. Will eat at 12noon.
 - Aug Prospecting Outing at Cache Creek, DTBA.
 - Sept. 6,7,8 Panning Demo at Highlands Ranch Days. Will need 5 volunteers each day.
 - Sept 15 Sa Panning Demo at Idaho Springs Festival.
 - Sept. 22-23 GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We will attempt to get a booth.
 - Sept 29 Sa Club Outing at Grant Frontier Park. 9am.
 - No other specific planned outings are scheduled at this moment but there will be plenty more to come!!!
13. Pres. Long also talked about the efforts of the Eureka Club and the fact that the City of Wheatridge has approved a free metal detecting permit system. Kudos to the Eureka Club leadership for accomplishing that. Let us hope we are successful with the prospecting portion of the campaign. Adams County has agreed to work on an Ordinance to permit small scale mining with limitations. The GPR will have a lot of input on the Ordinance. Pres. Long met with AdCo Planning, Parks, Natural Resources, CDOT, and County Attorney to discuss this issue. The motorized ban will continue. JeffCo will be meeting with the GPR to discuss revising their regulations and to discuss the Youngfield stretch of water.
14. Pres. Long announced at break at 8:20pm. Meeting called back to order at 8:35pm.
15. Sue Clover announced that there were 39 winners of the 'Question of the Month' and that the answer was 'Barry Goldwater' back in 1964.
16. Sue Lemieux announced the winners of the auction books.
17. 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 Sue Duncanson and Peg Brozek.
18. Pres. Long thanked all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Don Minor and Ian Duncanson graciously agreed to assist in bringing refreshments for June. 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. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you makes to make the refreshment table enjoyable.
19. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Upcoming GPR 2nd Annual Nederland/Chipeta Park Outing

June 30, Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm

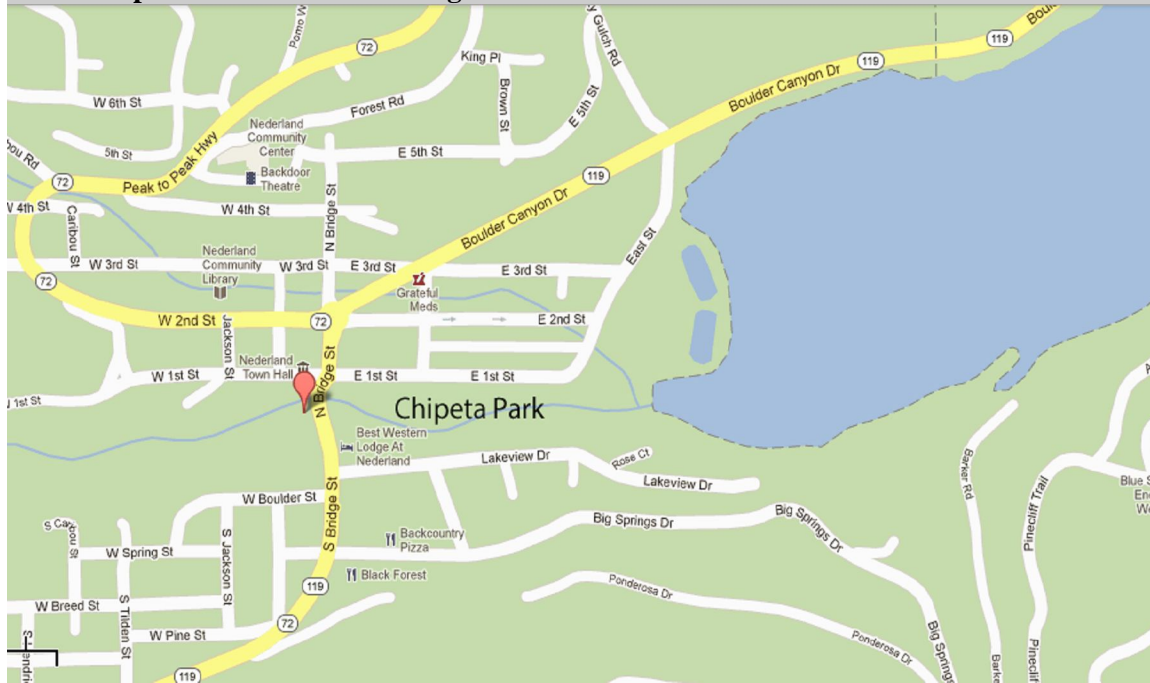
Located near the historic Caribou Placer discovered by a Mr. Conger in 1861 on Middle Boulder Creek, Chipeta Park offers free parking, picnic tables, sluicing, panning, and dredging all within the city limits of Nederland, Colorado! In addition to gold there is a LOT of old glass in the creek, so for the second time, the Club is going to give away gold nuggets for the most glass collected by the end of the day.

As usual, bring food, water, sunscreen and a hat. **We'll be picking up any trash that we see, as well.**

For more information contact Greg Davis at the June meeting, Or 303-526-1438 Or davisgregc@yahoo.com



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Sue's Sluice Box

Cripple Creek & Victor "Open Pit" Gold Mine Tour

The Cresson Mine, is the largest Gold Mine in Colorado. You will gain a perspective of the modern-day methods keeping Victor's gold mining legacy alive! Bring your cameras! Wear Closed Toe Shoes. Hardhats and safety glasses will be provided.

Saturday, July 28

Meeting Time: 12:30pm at the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum, 3rd & Victor Ave., (# 15 on Map) Must be here no later than 12:45pm - Tour starts 1:00pm Sharp!

Where: Victor, CO

Directions: From Denver: Take I-25 South to Exit 141 for US-24 w/Cimarron St. Go West on US-24 through Woodland Park to Divide, CO. Turn Left (South) at CO-67 towards Cripple Creek. Follow CO-67 through Cripple Creek to Victor (Museum will be on the right – reference Map) * Parking is available on side streets *

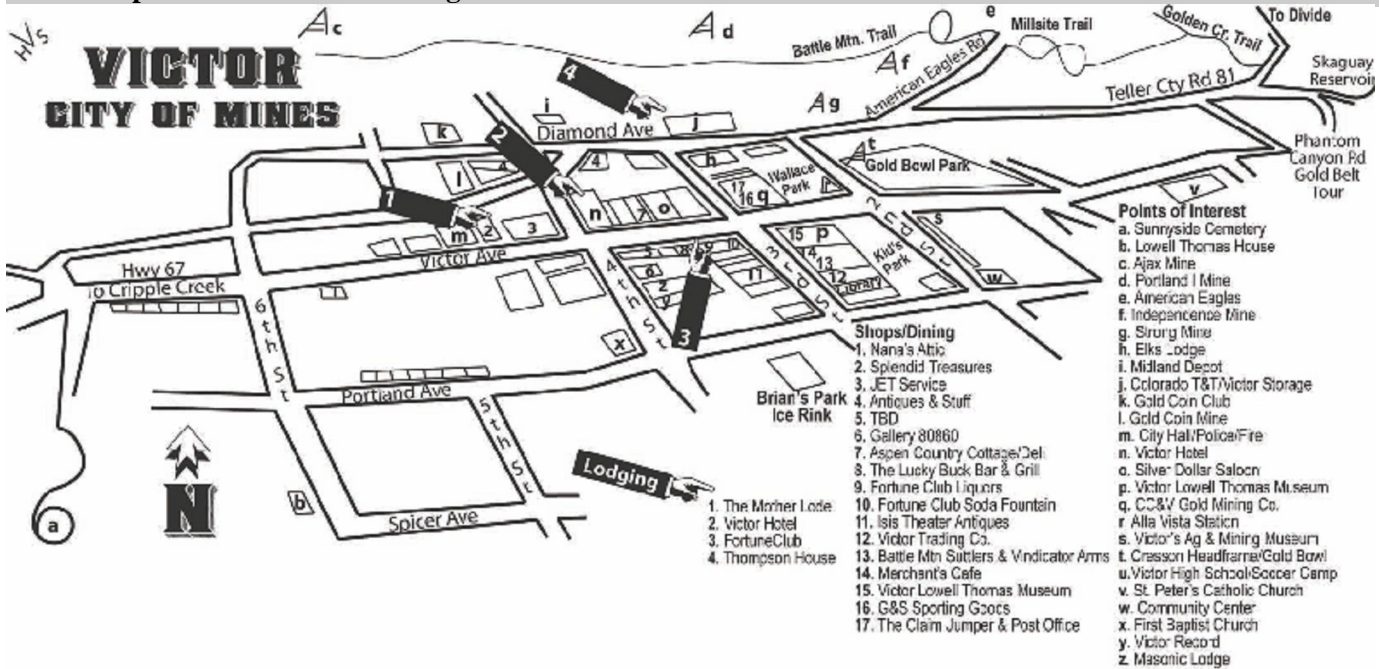
Cost: Adults \$7.50 (non-refundable) (Payment to be collected at May, June & July Meetings) **This tour is limited to 13 people MAX.**

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

Sluicin' Sue



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Sluicin' Sue

Aurora Youth Water Festival Panning Demo by Jim Long

On May 18, The Club performed a Panning Demo for the 2012 Aurora Youth Water Festival which was held at the Aurora Community College Campus in Aurora, Colorado.

The event involved approximately 1600 fifth grade students this year from all across the Aurora area Elementary Schools. They got a chance to see how gold is panned and what real gold looks like. The Club routinely 'salts' our tubs additionally with small polished rocks and small chunks of pyrite, also known as 'Fools Gold' so that the kids have the opportunity to keep a little something since they can't touch or keep the real gold that is in each of the panning tubs. My thanks go to Club members Andy Doll, John House, Mike Hurtado, Don Luchtenburg, and Brandon Luchtenburg for helping me to successfully complete another successful demonstration of the fine art of panning for gold.



May 19 Club Outing in Russell Gulch by Jim Long

WOW...!! This is one that you just had to be there to believe.

The day started early with rain in Denver. Many folks weren't sure we would even go, but we had said 'rain or shine', so come they did. By the time the day was over, we had a total of 62 members participate in this rare opportunity to prospect in the famous Russell Gulch. Thanks to the generosity of the folks at the 'Clay County Mine' Claim, we had the shot at an area that had no water but was known to be gold bearing and one that was certainly quite historical in terms of Colorado's first major gold rush back in 1859-60. Outing leader Mike Hurtado was largely responsible for organizing this opportunity. This was certainly the largest attendance at any Club Outing that I have ever known of to date. We were able to find a spot in the old creek bed that we had previously sampled and knew it to contain fairly good color.



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But Mother Nature did make it tough. Though this year's runoff was zero, we encountered some rain and then snow as we all began to dig. By early afternoon, many folks had dug all their buckets full and had left the area for the day. A few die-hards stayed on as the lure of gold can run very strong indeed. A fairly heavy rainfall took place and we noted water running in the creek that had been dry until now. Alertly, Mike Hurtado warned everyone to watch the water level just in case. Sure enough, shortly thereafter, a flash flood came roaring down the creek and caught 4 or 5 members. But Mike had given the warning and everyone escaped without injury, even though the water was 2 and 3 feet deep. I think that most of the equipment was recovered before we finally called it a day. This was but a mere taste of what the 'old timers' went through on a daily basis. A few of our members have now added a great story that they can tell to their friends. And a memory they won't soon forget!!

For those few who were still there when the flood struck, this was a dramatic first hand example of the dangers that prospecting can hold in store for the unwary or unprepared. We are so thankful that there were no injuries to anyone and certainly hope that everyone found some color when they finally get their material worked out. We hope to hear from a lot of you at the next meeting, especially the 'flood' survivors, to tell us how well you did. It was a great experience for those of you who had never worked in 'dry' conditions before. (photos by Jim Long)



Some of the members hard at work



Members working in the snow



Sue Lemieux on her famous prospecting chair



This bank was a very popular digging site



Access was fairly good and there were buckets everywhere

Panning Demo at Boulder County History Museum by Jim Long

On June 2, the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies conducted a panning demonstration at the Boulder County History Museum located at 1206 Euclid in the Hill area of the Colorado University in Boulder. The event was fairly quiet but featured an overall theme of the history of Boulder County. There were multiple exhibits of a historical nature as well as a presentation on the history of Gold Hill. Several artists performed a couple of opera pieces that highlighted the 'Ludlow Massacre' as well.

My personal thanks go to Mike Hurtado, Brandon Luchtenburg and Jack Mienke who donated their time to make the demonstration successful.



Jack, Mike and Brandon manning the demo booth



The Boulder County History Museum



A Miner's Laugh

I pointed to two old drunk miner's sitting across the bar from us and told my partner, "You know, that is us in 10 years". He looked at me and said "That is a mirror you idiot!!"

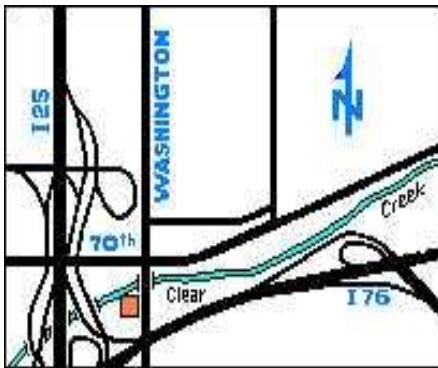
Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. And teach a man to find gold and he will buy the fish and hire the fisherman.!!

Newsorthy Notes Concerning Mining Interests

From the Denver Post: 5-11-12 From the Denver Post:

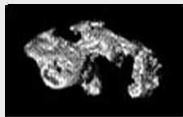
Climax Mine Reopens: The Climax Mine near Leadville on Thursday produced its first batch of molybdenum concentrate in 17 years. The historic mine had closed in 1987 after molybdenum prices crashed, leaving Leadville and Lake County in an economic depression with the loss of 3,200 jobs. In its new incarnation, owner Freeport-McMoran says the mine employs 300 people. Molybdenum is used as a hardening agent for steel, as a lubricant, and in other industrial products. The company spent over 700 million dollars on equipment and a new mill in order to reopen.

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Contact the GPR President

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Coming Announcements and Special Events for July 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 World UFO Day	3	4 JULY 4th	5	6	7 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 WMMI - 30th Anniversary Celebration!
15	16	17	18 GPR Club Meeting	19	20	21
22 National Parents Day	23	24 Amelia Earhart Day	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	WMMI - Farmers' Market Mondays & Wednesdays Starting June 25 - October			