

THE GOLD NUGGET

October 2013

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



The recent flooding in Colorado couldn't come at a worst time. Beside the fact that this was probably a 100 year event, winter is just around the corner. And there are an awful lot of people who have lost their homes and been literally put on the street, having lost everything.

It has been a long time since I remember anything remotely similar to this happening in this state. Other than the occasional tornado, the last big floods were in the spring seasons and were back in 1972 and even earlier. But since then, the Limon tornado was about the worst disaster we faced. But suddenly, in the last 4 or 5 years alone, we have had the Windsor tornado (I was there that day myself), the Hayman fire, the Waldo Canyon fire and a dozen other large fires across the state. These fires have accounted for

the loss of more than 700 buildings, mostly homes.

Usually, most of us sit back and watch things unfold on TV and it is always somewhere else, like Katrina and other hurricanes, or the annual spring flooding event in Fargo and all along the Mississippi, or the usual summer event of fires in California. But this time, it is right here and right next door. Probably everyone in the Club knows somebody who is directly affected by this latest event. And these events shape our lives. There has been not only significant property loss, but loss of life as well. These floods have killed hundreds of livestock and have destroyed significant infrastructure such as bridges and roadways, railways, and that is going to cost millions of dollars to restore power, communication, to house the displaced, and everything else that we usually don't think a whole lot about until it hits us right in the face.

And like I said, winter is hard at hand. That leaves precious little time for all of our friends and neighbors to get settled in after replacement and repair before the winter storms are upon us. The reserves of the Salvation Army and the Red Cross will be taxed severely. There are many other organizations that will be helping all the victims, but from my point of view, if you really want to insure your money is used wisely, you can't beat monetary donations to the SA and the RC. That will probably do the most good in the long run. For those of us who were unaffected, this is the time we start preparing for winter by winterizing our motorized equipment, irrigation systems, evaporative coolers, boats, campers, and all of the toys that we are fortunate enough to still have. But there are thousands of people who have lost all of their possessions. That is something to think about. It is actually quite staggering to contemplate.

I was looking at Clear Creek on Friday, the 13th, and it was higher than it was even in 2011 for the really big runoff that we had. This run off was similar to the flooding of 1972 and 1965. The only good news that I can see out of all of this is the fact that from a prospecting standpoint, we have a lot of all new placer gold replacement that we normally don't get at this time of year. The hole I was working before this flood has been totally refilled and I won't mind starting it all over again. After all, gold is gold.

On a final note, check the Prospecting Notes in this Newsletter to see the latest on the California Dredging Ban. I know that will get some blood boiling 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 treasured '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 "Klondike" Mike

A brief history on the 17 Mile House

I am side stepping my history of the well-known gold mining districts to bring you some information about a little known gold mining district.

Jim Long, our president, was able to get us our first outing at the 17 Mile House in Parker. As a result I did research on this area and a little known mining district called Newlin Gulch Gold Mining District.

Named after William C. Newlin who settled there in the 1860's. He brought cattle into the Pikes Peak region from Minnesota. Homesteading southwest of Pine Grove (Parker CO.) the Newlin Gulch gold mining district was formed about four miles southwest of Pine Grove.

Some of the Newlin Gulch operations began in the mid 1880's and resumed again in the late 1890's. In early 1898 mining equipment was set up and operations were begun at several locations along the gulch. Several small placer claims were made and numerous companies were formed to exploit the gold finds.



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As late as 1910 one mine, the Muldoon, was still in operation employing 22 men. However, once again the water supply proved to be inadequate and the yield too small. This resulted in the gold fields being abandoned. Although several promising placer deposits were found during the years previously mentioned a large scale production was never achieved. During following years there were sporadic attempts at working the diggings, particularly during the depression of the 1930's. Unfortunately, I have been unable to find the actual amount of gold found at the Newline Gulch Mining District. Although I have been prospecting for years this is one gold mining area I had not known about. If you have any questions please contact me, 720-443-9545,
Thanks for reading. Klondike

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



For the month of October, we will be giving away a total of 6.4 grams of gold with the largest being 2.4 grams...! We would like to give a special 'Thank You' to Jim Long and the Aurora Water Festival folks for donating items to the August general drawings. Also, we have a new 'Members Only Special Nugget' and are selling tickets again. It is a beautiful 13.7 gram nugget in quartz matrix from Arizona that was found with a metal detector by the well-known Detectorist, Chris Ghoulson. Remember, your odds of winning in this raffle are far better than the Lottery or Power Ball. So buy lots of tickets.

Membership Committee

Please start bringing or mailing in your membership dues for 2014. They are all due no matter when you joined by January meeting. No later please. Renewals are \$30.00.

Many of you have paid already. It is greatly appreciated because then JJ can make a more accurate budget for the year.
Thanks, Pam and George

This Month GPR Meeting Program:

The October Meeting will feature noted author and speaker **Preethi Burkholder** who is returning to present additional material on the 'Ghost Towns of Colorado'. Preethi will have copies of her book of the same title on sale following her presentation. The book sells for 20.00 and Preethi will be signing your book. We hope to see you all there!

ELECTION TIME for 2014 Board

by Joe Shubert

Hello GPR Club Members

I will have nomination forms at the October Meeting. Please think about running for office or nominating someone. If you nominate someone for an office you must have their permission to do so.

Qualifications to run for office:

- 1) Must be a Club member in good standing. (Current membership dues paid.)
- 2) Candidates for President and Vice President must have been active as a Committee person, Officer, or a director on the board.
- 3) All nominations must be received by the Nominations Committee Coordinator at the October meeting, mailed or emailed to him by November 13, 2013.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The ballots will be counted and the results printed in the December newsletter.

All present Officers and Board Members have stated they will run again, but you can step up and run for a position. We could use some new blood at the helm. You can run for any office that you are qualified to run for even if the person that holds the position is running for reelection.



Board Meeting Minutes from Sept 2013

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Roger Biri
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Linda Luchtenburg	X	Janine Ballentine	X	Andy Doll		Gary Hawley

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:01 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None .Approved: yes

Correspondence: 4 phone calls, 6 e-mails, 9 mailings

Committee Reports: CR on metal; detecting outing, TW has a site located at Majestic View Park in Arvada for Nov. 9. We will have details for Oct. mtg.

Webmaster: Total Hits 131433 Hits for last month 501.

Unfinished business: None at this time.

New Business: Following discussion, the Board unanimously suspended bullet 2 of the selection process procedures for the Ken Barker Award pending rewriting of the section. The Board will select 3 candidates for membership voting in Nov

Planned Outings for 2013: There are 2 new Outings added to the existing Outing schedule. Refer to Outings Calendar/Schedule in Newsletter for details of existing schedule.

From the Board:

- Pres Long discussed Wheatridge's new prospecting rules for the Youngfield stretch of Clear Creek. A copy has been made available for the membership.
- Pres Long discussed the Panning Demo at Highlands Ranch Festival which was very successful.
- Pres. Long also stated that the Eureka Club agreed to purchase 150 metal detecting pins at our cost and they have been ordered and will arrive in Oct.
- The status of the Sep. 28 Clear Creek Outing is in doubt due to the recent flooding event. If the 28 is canceled, we will try Oct. 5th. Andy will send e-mails as appropriate.
- J. Ballantine asked if the club had members that had been affected by the flooding disasters and if they would be in need of any help. We will find out.
- J Fortunato asked if a new Club Picnic site could be found. We will look for a new site that has less crowding and parking issues.
- M Hurtado discussed having obtained a Gem and Mineral Map and if it could be obtained for members. Pres. Long will check into that.
- VP M Hurtado will lead the Oct. mtg. as Pres. Long is called into the forest to pursue bambi.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting October 16, 2013 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting October 16, 2013 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: A 30 minute video on 'Tom and Perry's Cleanup Kit'. Program will be followed by Pres. Long demonstrating the same kit at the break.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:58 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What currently available gold bullion coin contains the most gold?

2013 GPR Board of Directors Members

President

James Long

Vice President

Mike Hurtado

Secretary/Treasurer

Linda Luchtenburg

2 Year Board Members

Joe Johnston (2010)

Joe Shubert (2011)

1 Year Board Members

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Don Luchtenburg

Roger Biri

Janine Ballentine

General Meeting Minutes from Sept 2013

- 1) Meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1365.30 an ounce, silver at \$22.96, platinum at \$1463.00 and palladium at \$718.50.
- 3) Web hits for last month reflected 501 hits for the last 30 days.



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- 4) **Pres. Long** announced that tonight's program will be a 30 minute video on "Tom and Perry's Cleanup Kit", followed by a demonstration of same kit at the break.
- 5) **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, we have the new nugget for the 'Members Only' drawing and it is displayed at her desk for all to see. Remember, your chances of winning this one are better than the Lottery.
- 6) **Pam and George Schmitt** reported from the Membership Table that approx. 91 members were in attendance. There were 9 guests and new members who were not in attendance. The meeting attendance was 100.
- 7) **Sue Clover** read the 'Question of the Month', which was, 'What is the name of the electrochemical process that produces 99.9% pure gold?'
- 8) **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the 'Finds of the Month' table and everyone was encouraged to check them out and vote accordingly during the break.
- 9) **John Johnson** presented the 2013 Cache Clue #9 to the membership in attendance.
- 10) **Pres. Long** informed the membership that Wheatridge has issued the new prospecting rules for the Youngfield stretch of Clear Creek. Members can obtain a copy of the rules at the front table. The next Prospecting Outing on the 28th at Clear Creek is in doubt due to the floods. If we can't get into the water then, we will reschedule it for Oct. 5. We also have a Panning Demo at the Arapahoe County Fall Festival on Oct. 19th and will need a couple of volunteers to assist. We have also added a metal detecting Outing for Nov. 9th at Majestic View Park in Arvada. Pres. Long thanked all those who helped to make the Highlands Ranch Panning Demo a success. We will be looking for a new picnic site as the Park in Golden is just too crowded and parking is a major issue each year. A survey was conducted of the attendees and found that we have only had 3 or 4 members affected by the flooding and none of them have been displaced. The flooding disaster comes at a really bad time of the year and the only positive note to it all is that the streams will be replenished with even more gold for those of us who want to get after it this winter.
- 11) **Pres. Long** announced the break at 810pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35pm.
- 12) **Pres. Long** announced that there were 32 winners of the 'Question of the Month' and 16 who got it wrong. The answer was 'Akshhya Tritya'. Thanks to John Sawchuck and Don Bray for distributing the winning tickets for the evenings gold drawings.
- 13) **Pres. Long** announced that there were no submitted entries for the 'Finds of the Month'. We encourage folks to bring in and share your finds with the Club at each meeting. The winners of past months will need to bring your winning items back in in November so we can vote on the 'Best Finds of the Year', so don't forget.
- 14) **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for numerous door prizes followed by drawings for the gold nuggets. A reminder that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings 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 choose to donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Linda Luchtenburg**.
- 15) **Pres. Long** thanked **Kris and Joe Kafka** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. 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 to make the refreshment table enjoyable.
- 16) The scheduled **Program for October** will be noted author and speaker **Preeethi** Burkholder who will give us another presentation of 'Ghost Towns of Colorado. She will also have copies of her book of the same title for sale for 20.00, and I am sure she will autograph them for you. We hope to see all of you there!
- 17) Until next time, prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, the gleaming magical miracle called 'gold'!
- 18) The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Don't forget, October is Pumpkin carving month. Get a pumpkin and carve it up in some





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manner representing a mining theme and submit it at the October meeting. There will be prizes issued to the top 3 entrants. So get busy and get to carving. Let's see how innovative you can bet. There have been some really great entries in the past. See if you can put your imagination to work and win a great prize.

Schedule of 2013 Planned Outings:

- 3-6 Sat Panning Demo at Western Coliseum for Rky Mtn Horse Expl 2-4 pm
4--27 Sat Trash cleanup/lunch/prospecting Outing on lower Clear Creek. Meet behind Tymkovich's 6811 Washington 9am--dark. Remember, no motorized equipment is allowed in Adams County.
5-11 Sat Beginners Panning/Sluicing Class at Tymkovich Meats, 6811 N. Washington, 9am.
5-16 Thur Panning Demo, Aurora Water Festival, 9a-3p.
5-18 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9am. (Clay County Mine)
6-1 Sat Tour of Leadville Mining Museum and Matchless Mine, 10am, \$5.00 @ person.
6-15 Sat Rescheduled Tour of the Western Mining Museum in Colo. Sprgs. At 10am. Cancelled due to forest fire.
6-22 Sat Prospecting Outing in Nederland at 9a. Glass cleanup contest.
7-13 Sat Trash cleanup/Prospecting Outing on lower Clear Creek. Meet behind Tymkovich's 6811 Washington 9am--dark. Remember, no motorized equipment allowed. We will provide lunch of dogs, chips and drinks at 11:30.
7-26, 27, 28 Prospecting Outing on Lake Creek, Leadville w/the Illinois Gold Seekers Club, 5.00 @ day @ person, bbq Saturday night.
8-1 Sat Panning Demo for Japanese Exch Students, Idaho Spgs, 1p-4p.
8-4 Sun Beginners Panning/sluicing Class at 6811 N Washington, 9am-12noon, bring pan, boots * Newly Added *
8-17 Sat Club Picnic at Lions Park in Golden 11a-2p, East Pavilion
8-24 Sat Prospecting Outing Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9a. (Clay County Mine)
9-5,6,7 Highlands Ranch Festival Panning Dem, will be a sign up sheet.
9-21 Sat Idaho Springs Festival Panning Demo, will be a sign up sheet.
9-28 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lower Clear Creek, 9a at 6811 Washington.
10-16 Wed Pumpkin Carving Contest, regular meeting night, compete for prizes
10-19 Sat Panning Demo for Arapahoe County Fall Festival, 8181 S. Parker Rd, 10a-3p
11-9 Sat Metal Detecting Outing, Majestic View Park, Arvada, 9a-5p
12-18 Wed Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, no regular meeting
Additional dates/outings are also under consideration.

Findings of the Month

There were no submitted Finds for the month of September. Remember, submitting your finds is easy and fun. It isn't so much about winning anything as it is showing off some of the stuff that we find when we are out there playing. So don't be bashful, bring your stuff in and show it off. The winners are announced each month and in November, we will vote on which monthly finds are the finds of the year and the winners will get a nice certificate to hang on the wall. So, come on folks, let's bring some of your stuff in and show it off.

Panning Concentrates for members not able to get to the creek

The Club has a few members who have not been able to get to the creek to do any prospecting for some time, yet most of them still support our Club through their memberships and occasional attendance at a few meetings. Therefore, some of us decided that it was time to dig for them. Pres. Long was joined on a warm Saturday recently to hit the creek just before all the flooding struck, by Andy Doll, Mike Hurtado and Steve Bustamante. We could have had a dozen more volunteers but it was a spur of the moment thing. We dug 15 buckets of material screened to a #8 and then ran the material through a sluice box. We picked a couple of real good spots and the color in the sluice boxes was pretty dang good. I'm talking about 70 to 80 colors on the telltale black ribbing at the top of the sluice, not counting what was captured in the riffles,



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and that was pretty dang good as well. We then took the concentrates without rough panning it and bagged it up, making 3 buckets per member at about 5 to 6 pounds of concentrates. At the September meeting, we presented those 5 bags to Glenn Glass, Chuck Harris, Joe Shubert, Don Dixon and Gordon Morgan. We will be giving 2 more bags to 2 more of our senior members as soon as the water levels gets down and we can get into the creek again. But until then, we hope our members enjoy their bags as they are pretty good bags of dirt if I say so myself.



Glen Glass, Chuck Harris, Pres. Long,
Joe Shubert and Gordon Morgan

October Birthstone

October is another month with two birthstone choices – *Tourmaline* and *Opal*.

Tourmaline

Tourmaline has become a favorite gemstone among jewelry designer, and gem collectors the world over. Since it is available in a wide variety of colors, it is ideally suited to almost anyone's taste. Tourmaline also is known for displaying several colors in the same gemstone. These *bi-color* or *tri-color* gems are formed in many combinations; gemstones with clear color distinctions are highly prized. One multi-color variety is known as *watermelon tourmaline*, and features green, pink, and white colors bands; to resemble its namesake, the gemstone is cut into thin slices having a pink center, white ring, and green edge. Tourmaline is found in many localities including Brazil, Afghanistan, East Africa, and the USA.



Opal

The name *opal* derives from the Greek *Opallos*, meaning "to see a change (of color)." Opals range in color from milky white to black with flashes of yellow, orange, green, red, and blue. An opal's beauty is the product of contrast between its color play and its background. Opal is a formation of non-crystalline silica gel that seeped into crevices in the sedimentary strata. Through time and nature's heating and molding processes, the gel hardened into the form of opals. The opal is composed of particles closely packed in spherical arrangements. When packed together in a regular pattern, a three-dimensional array of spaces are created that give opal its radiance.

(Taken from the AmericanGemSociety.com)



A Miner's Laugh

An old miner walks out into the street and hails a cab. He gets in and the cab driver says, "Perfect timing. You are just like Frank. The old miner replies, "Who?" The cabbie says, "Frank Feldman...he is a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things like that happened to Frank Feldman every single time."

The old miner replies, "There are always a few clouds over everybody." but the cabbie replies, "Not like Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete, he could have won the grand slam at tennis, he could golf with the pros, he sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was really an amazing guy." The old miner, starting to get interested, replied, "Sounds like he was really something special."





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The cab driver then stated, "Yeah, old Frank had a memory like a computer and always remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine and could always pick the right color and year for any occasion and which food went with the wines. Man, he could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, the whole place blacks out. But old Frank Feldman, he could do everything right." The old miner replied, "Wow, some guy then."

The cabbie says, "Oh yeah, old Frank always knew the quickest way through traffic, not like me. I always get stuck in traffic. But Frank, he never made mistakes and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never talk back, even if she was wrong and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished. Why, he was the perfect man. He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

The old miner said, "Quite an amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

The cabbie replied, "Heck, I never met the guy. He died and I married his wife!!!!"

(Taken from the internet and revised just for us miners')

Prospecting/Mining Notes (mostly from the Denver Post, Internet and other wire services)

9-8 Colorado Reality Show Creates Major Stir: Seems that all was not what it appeared to be. Actually, three of the four local mining groups followed by reality filming crews in Colorado on the Discovery Channel were prospecting illegally. Apparently, they were mining without proper permits and were in violation of Colorado mining laws. The Colorado Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety cited two of the families and the third has applied for the proper permits, all this after filming 18 episodes. Many of us have followed these miners on TV. The State Agency is taking the stance that it is not 1872 anymore and that prospectors need to follow newer laws that have been enacted since 1872. Most prospectors are responding that the red tape today is simply agency after agency after regulation after regulation after requirement after requirement and that once a claim is filed, then you should be able to dig. We will have to see how all this plays out.

Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival at Western Museum of Mining and Industry:

225 Northgate Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

www.wmmi.org

October 11 and 12th (10am-4pm)

Carve out a little time and harvest some family fun at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry this fall! Celebrate the season, enjoy the cool weather, and grow your farming spirit with activities for the whole family! The weekends' festivities will include a pumpkin patch, hayrides, pioneer games, live music, food and drinks, animals, hands-on activities and crafts for the kids, operating outdoor and indoor steam powered machinery, "Spooky Histories" in the museum's exhibit building, limited daylight tours of the Haunted Mines, early Christmas shopping and even an historic tractor or two will be on display, one of which YOU can take for a spin! Admission is only \$6 per person for this eventful time.

California Dredge Mines face Setback in Recent Court Ruling: On Aug 28, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Ochoa denied the Public Lands for the People's petition for an injunction against enforcement of the State ban on dredging. PLP argued that the ban violates Federal law by prohibiting mining on Federal mining claims while the State argued that dredging wasn't really mining but merely a recreational activity. The distinction is important. The State based its case on the idea that dredging is recreational activity and does not confer a mining right. Mining groups argued dredging for gold is mining and enjoys the protection that prohibits States from banning mining. The judge decided there wasn't enough evidence of harm to suction dredgers and the State's prohibition on suction dredges would continue to be enforced. The judge based his opinion of a survey of California miners in 2009 where 87% of them responded by saying that they labeled themselves as recreational dredgers...!!! *(Proves that sometimes, we are our own worst enemy - JJ)*

9-21 **Denver Gold Forum Luring New Investors:** The Denver Gold Forum, the industry that usually sees attendance drop when gold prices fall, is drawing more investors seeking value in battered equities this year. Attendance is expected to set a record even though gold prices are down. Barrick Gold Corp. and Newmont Mining Corp. have announced \$26 billion of write-downs since July and are cutting even more in the future.

9-22 **Most Analysts Expect Gold to rise in Wake of Fed's Stay on Stimulus:** Traders are bullish because Bernanke's decision increased demand for bullion as a hedge. Sixteen analysts surveyed by Bloomberg expect prices to rise this week, as five were bullish and five were neutral. Gold jumped 4.1% last week alone, but then retreated 3% the next week. Goldman Sachs reported that their bank predicts that gold prices will continue its drop into 2014 as US



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economic growth gains and monetary policy is tightened. It forecasts \$1050 at the end of 2014. *(If true, next year will be a good time for us to be buying gold, I should think....JJ)*

Highlands Ranch Days Festival Panning Demo

On Sept. 5, 6, and 7th, the Club put on a gold panning demo at the Highlands Ranch Days Festival, an event hosted at the old Highlands Ranch Mansion. The first 2 days saw a lot of 3rd and 4th grad school kids who were bussed to the event along with their teachers and counselors. The final day saw a lot of area families attending the event. Everybody enjoyed their time at the gold panning tubs and were excited to see real gold just as the old times found it.



The Highlands Ranch area encompasses some 22,000 acres and the old Mansion is currently on 100 acres. Highlands Ranch has been a working cattle ranch since around 1896 and they still have about 1000 head of cattle, mostly on 1000 acres in Daniels Park. This area was also a polo field in the early 1980's. The ranch employs 6-12 ranch hands and there are barns, an equipment building including a forge for horse shoeing as well as the storage of equipment and other ranch items. The water comes from their own well as well as storm runoff which is collected in check dams on the property. It has been a working cattle ranch for over 100 years.

I want to thank Pam Schmidt, Walt Nowakowski, George Sullivan, Brandon Luchtenburg, Andy Doll, and Mike Hurtado for their assistance in making this event an enjoyable one, even though we had to work in some very hot temperatures.

Photos taken by JJ Long.



Clear Creek Water Festival Panning Demo

On Sept. 21, the Club participated in the Clear Creek Water Festival in Idaho Springs. The event was held downtown in the City Park which is located right on the banks of Clear Creek. The Club hosted as a 'Passport Station' which meant that we had stamps and stickers to hand out to everyone who had a 'Passport' and they were able to compete for prizes from the Festival when they had collected all the stamps. There were nearly a 1000 people who attended the event and most were families and a lot of out of town visitors who were excited to see us pan gold. We usually get a few new members signed up from each of these panning demos and this event was no exception. The weather was perfect. I want to thank Andy Doll, Ken Wells, Pam and George Schmidt, Walt Nowakowski and Mike Hurtado for helping me to make the event a success.

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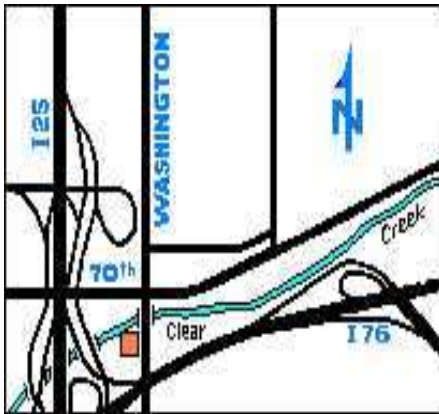
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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Nov 2013

(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 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7 WMMI Mine Safety and Health Exhibit Heritage Lecture II	8 Newsletter Advert/Article Conv Deadline	9 GPR Metal Detecting Outing
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 GPR Club Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30 WMMI Gold Assay Class