

THE GOLD NUGGET

July 2015

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



As you read this, I will be somewhere in Alaska, digging for gold..!! The winter up there has been milder than expected and that means that we can probably expect lower runoff than what would be normally expected. That will be good, but the water is always cold in Alaska. The prospecting season is considerably shorter as well. Usually, the window of opportunity runs from late May to early September. Any other time, if you can get in the water, you would consider yourself lucky. So hopefully, when we get back, we will have some good stories to tell everyone.

That we can still do this is a testament to the hard work of many in the mining industry. There seems to be a specific agenda afoot directly attributable to some in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as well as the US Forest Service to take away our lawful access to the public property that has been set aside for us under law. For those of you who weren't aware, that right was established long ago, and further, the right to mine on federally owned lands which include those overseen by the BLM and USFS, was also established by law long ago. The newly forming Mining and Minerals Advisory Council (MMAC) is in the process of electing officers and preparing to challenge both federal agencies on their 'land grab' policies as well as their policies in general having to do with mining and mining access. The recent actions of the last 10 years or so really highlight to all of us how these 2 federal agencies have joined with some private sector groups in specific attempts to undermine the Mining Law of 1872 as well as the 1955 Surface Resources Act, also known as the Multiple Use Act, (30 USC 612). This last law is a federal law that says mining claims that have chains of title that predate July 1955, have surface rights, unless the owner relinquishes them back to the government. Both federal agencies have taken severe umbrage with many claims and have tried to usurp the owner's rights and move them out, going so far as to destroy buildings and other property to discourage return. There have been incidents all over the western states in recent years. There is a strong hope that MMAC will be able to circumvent this grand scale robbery of lands and rights and put things right again. Only time will tell.

I know that it seems that every time you read something, including this, that the only thing we all do is complain and gripe. It almost sounds like an 'us against them' dialogue most of the time. And in a way, I guess it is. But I think that the majority of us small miners are environmentalists at heart. And I agree with those who say that we can be both. So I probably should remind everyone who is or wants to be a small miner that with the privilege comes responsibility. If we want the right to mine, we need to accept responsibility for the lands we want to use. And that means to take care of them, treat them respectfully, keep them clean, protect them from abuse and pollution, and preserve them for the future. We can have it both ways, no matter what the 'greenies' say. But it does take a little commitment and if we can't speak with unity, then we will eventually lose the privilege to share our public lands as they were intended to be used. Just saying!!

I would like to see both federal agencies taking the same stance, one of a shared stakeholder using a shared resource, instead of the 'us against them' attitude. But that is usually the case with many governmental agencies and personnel. It is the power associated with the position. That "we are the government and you aren't" type attitude that really fires my personal rocket. This is an attitude that has existed as far back in civilization as history can record. So I really don't look for it to change either now or in the future. As long as man aspires, he (or she) will often aspire to greatness. That is as it should be. But you don't necessarily have to step on everyone else to get where you want to go. But historically, meanness usually prevails. Just ask, if you could, Ghengis Kahn, Hitler, Stalin, or Idi Amin. They would all agree. And history usually remembers them quite well over so many others that got there using less mean means.

Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your search...!. And 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



Here is the next few areas in Colorado were you can check out. Again these areas have great mining history, you can Check them out for yourself, remember to check for Private land.

Strasburg Colorado: The Gravel and bench deposits along Clear Creek, Just north of Denver contains placer gold. All bars, benches along Clear Creek, which is a tributary of the South Platte River, had extensive placer operations which produced 16,800 ounces of gold between 1922 and 1959.

Northrop Colorado: South of Northrop 2-3 miles, along Browns Creek, In Browns Canyon near U.S. 285, are



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some decent placer gold areas to dig at.

Dailey Colorado: Dailey is near headwaters of Clear Creek and Butler Gulch, 2 miles east and southeast of Jones Pass. There are many area mines that produced lode gold.

Granite Colorado; South of Granite 3 miles along Clear Creek, the area mines produced lode gold. 4 to 10 miles farther southwest there were numerous placers. West of Granite 15 mile, on Clear Creek, at Winfield (La Plata), elevation 9,750-12,000 feet, is a mineralized area 1-3 miles west and southwest of Winfield. Many small mines produced lode gold. In T11 and 12S R79E, with part of district in Lake County, the area Creek gravel's contain placer gold. The area mines produced lode gold. The area in north part of county, extending north into Lake County, along Cache and Clear Creeks, there are many placer working. Years ago I found some real nice gold on a claim on Cache leased by Colorado Prospectors Association. This is how I got the idea for the name Ashworth's Prospectors Cache.

Well folks this I hope a little more info, on where to go and check out, Now it's off to Alaska in search of the (Yellow) stuff. Any questions you can

As always if you have any questions please contact me at 720-443-9545. (KLONDIKE). Mike H.

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The July Meeting will feature a nine nugget give away totaling 10.3 grams of gold with the largest nugget being a beauty of 2.6 grams. We will also be selling tickets, as always, for the 'special nugget'. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase tickets for these nuggets in which your chances of winning are far better than the Colorado Lottery.

Notice: Tymkovich Meats Parking Now Closed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr. Tymkovich has informed the Clubs that he can no longer permit parking behind his business for prospecting. He stated quite clearly that it was through no action or conduct of any Club member and that he and his family have had no problems from any of our members ever and that our members have always treated him and his family and their property with great respect. However, his insurance carrier became aware that we were using his back lot for parking and advised him to cease and desist or face a major increase in his insurance liability costs. Therefore, we will need to find alternative places to park and access the Creek. There is ample parking farther East at Lafayette Park and some limited parking available at the Broadway Business complex, just south of 70th and Broadway. We will be looking into other locations and advising accordingly.

Planned GPR Meeting Programs:

July 15 This will be part 2 of the NG Channel video "Lost Gold of the Dark Ages". This will conclude the story of the discovery of the largest hoard of Saxon Gold ever found.

Aug 19 This month we will be showing History Channel DVD of the "Klondike Gold Rush". This 50 minute program will highlight what the 'Old Timers' went through in the search for gold in Alaska.

Sept 16 This month will be a presentation from the A&E Channel titled "Inca Gold". This 50 minute DVD highlights an expedition into the Ecuadorian wilderness in search of a legendary gold horde of 750,000 pounds.

Where is 'Prospector Pete', the GPR Gold Miner?

'Pete' was most recently able to attend the June 6 Prospecting Outing at the Clay County property near Blackhawk. He was able to help the guys dig a few buckets of dirt and later accompanied them down to Clear Creek to run the material through high bankers. The gold was fines as usual but there was plenty of it. As most of you read this, "Pete" is in Alaska with Pres. Long and some of the guys and he will let you know how that went.





Board Meeting Minutes From June 2015

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	John Johnson
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston		Terry Weatherly	X	Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Linda Luchtenburg	X	Bobby Manning		Andy Doll		

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By Pres. Long at 5:53 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes Corrections: misspelling of Tim and Tina's last name is Fleming, not Vleming
 Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None Approved: yes

Correspondence: 5 phone calls, 14 e-mails, 5 mailings

Webmaster: Total Hits_140675 Hits for last month 375.

Committee Reports: The gold has been purchased for Xmas and for up to Sept. of 2016.

Unfinished business: LLC Process still pending. BoD annual book updates pending.

New Business:

- Discussed the pending loss of our website thru Lornet. Will be pursuing some questions prior to making a final decision of a new website host at July Mtg.
- Discussed the status of MMAC which is fast taking shape. Pres. Long has been addressing this issue in the newsletter. Unanimous decision to purchase an ounce of fine gold to make up some gold bags.

Planned Outings for 2015:

- June 20,21 – panning Demo at Georgetown Loop RR, 9a
- July 22 – Panning Demo w/ Japanese Exchange students in Idaho Springs.
- July 31, Aug. 1,2 – Prospecting Outing, 3 days, Leadville.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long advised that the Clay County Outing went very well with 35 some members attending. Everybody had a lot of fun and got a little gold while they were at it.
- Pres. Long is headed north to Alaska with 6 other members and will be back before the July Mtg.
- BM Joe J. noted that we still have items that need to be returned to the Club Library.
- BM A. Doll was in San Diego and BM T. Weatherly was unable to attend tonight.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting July 15, 2015 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting July 15, 2015 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: We will be showing part one of a two part National Geographic Channel video titled "Lost Gold of the Dark Ages."

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:37 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What 16th century treaty summit became known for the lavish displays of wealth by the participants?

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1 Year Board Members

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson

Bobby Manning

General Meeting Minutes From June 2015

1. Meeting was opened at 7:01 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced the evening program which will Part one of a 2-part video presentation by the National geographic Channel titled "Lost Gold of the Dark Ages".
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1185.10 an ounce, silver at \$16.12, platinum at \$0795.00 and palladium at \$725.00.
4. Web hits for last month were 418.
5. **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains very comfortable in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, be sure to buy tickets for the 15.1 gram 'Special Nugget'



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drawing that is now on sale. This is an Arizona nugget that was a metal detector find. We are approaching the target sales which will allow us to draw a lucky winner perhaps by August, so be sure and get your tickets before the drawing.

6. **Dan and Becki McConnell** who have now taken over the Membership Table reported that we had 78 members in attendance. There were also 7 guests present. The meeting attendance was 85.
7. **Pres. Long** read the ‘**Question of the Month**’, which was “**What animal product has been used for gold recovery for thousands of years near the Black Sea region of Colcis, Georgia?**”
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. Remember, only one entry per person per category. Winners of the Finds of the Month for tonight will need to be saved for competition in November.
9. **Dennis White** announced that the **Cache** had been re-hidden. He read the Cache Clue #1 for the new hunt
10. **Tim and Tina Fleming** advised that they had lots of stuff in the **Club Store** for sale. Members were encouraged to support the Club by buying Store products.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership of the upcoming Outings.
 - **June 20,21 – Panning Demos** at the Georgetown Loop RR. We have a sign-up sheet for folks to help out. 9am.
 - **July 22 - Panning Demo** in Idaho Springs for a group of Japanese Exchange Students. Time to be determined.
 - **July 31, Aug. 1,2 - Prospecting Outing**, 3 day event, Lake Fork, Leadville, \$5 per person per day, \$2 a night for camping, bbq on sat night at \$5 per person
12. **Pres. Long** also informed the membership that the Clay County Outing in June turned out really great with 35 members enjoying a day of digging for gold. Pres. Long, John Johnson and Steve Overton set up their high bankers on lower Clear Creek and ran everyone’s material for them. Also, to be sure to check the front table for handouts and other pertinent information that may be available. If you have checked out books from the Club Library, please return them promptly. The membership was informed that we will be losing our current website host on Aug. 31. We are working on finding a new Host. There is a new RV Campground called Middlefork RV Resort, with full hookups, walking distance to downtown Fairplay, offering panning/sluicing for \$5 a day. The CSM is hosting a 5 day symposium in early July. Find information at www.friensofCSMgeomuseum.org. Pres. Long also gave the membership a heads up on the new Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC). This organization shows promise of bringing back to life the old Mining Districts formed under and protected by the Mining Laws of 1872. This could be the answer to preserving our mining rights in the future. Be sure to read Pres. Long’s article/column in the newsletter for more information. There was nothing further discussed.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:17pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:37pm.
14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were 35 winners of the ‘Question of the Month’. The answer was “**Sheeps fleece**”. The extra drawing tickets were passed out to the lucky winners.
15. **Pres. Long** announced the winners for the ‘Finds of the Month’. Those were:
 - **Best Jewelry** – **George Sullivan** with a butterfly earring found in Denver while metal detecting.
 - **Best Coin** – **Tina Fleming** with a 2008 Arizona State Quarter found in Lake Gulch near Blackhawk.
 - **Best Artifact** – **Bobby Manning** with a square nail found near Blackhawk.
16. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, GPA** and **Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 9 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 in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Linda Luchtenburg**.
17. **Pres. Long** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, The President’s time is overwhelmingly taken up by the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by e-mail or phone at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.



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18. **Pres. Long** thanked **Chris 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.
19. The scheduled **Program for June** will be part 2 of the video presentation entitled “The Lost Gold of the Dark Ages”, a presentation from the National Geographic Channel.
20. Until next time, remember to prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, that gleaming magical miracle, called ‘gold’!
21. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

HIGHBANKER FOR SALE BY A GPR MEMBER

8Ft Long Highbanker, 150ft of 1.5 inch discharge hose, 10ft of 1.5 inch suction hose, 1.5 hp pump, Assorted Fittings, Price \$350.00 Call Don at 303-936-6996.

Schedule of 2015 Planned Outings:

We are no longer printing the schedule in the newsletter. A copy is emailed each month to all so new members get an initial copy. From then on check the email copy, any changes from the last copy will be highlighted in yellow. No yellow no changes. So print it out and hang it up.

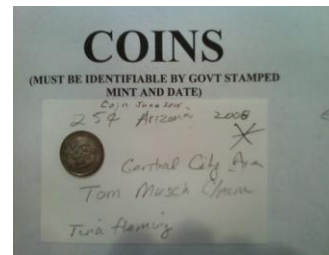
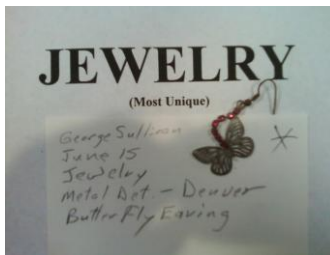
Finds of the Month

June winners were as follows:

Best Artifact – **Bobby Manning** with a square nail found near Blackhawk.

Best Jewelry – **George Sullivan** with a butterfly earring he found while metal detecting in Denver.

Best Coin – **Tina Fleming** with a 2008 Arizona State Quarter found near Blackhawk.



Great job guys and gals!!!!

Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. Winners each month will have their name published each month in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. Thanks to Joe Johnston who also submitted additional finds that were not judged to be winners.

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

6-2-15 Molycorp Plans Debt Reconstruction: Rare earth metals miner Molycorp says it won't make its \$32.5 million interest payment that was due this week, but says it is not in default on its debts. The Colorado based company's stock price has tumbled recently due to falling metal prices, costs in expanding a California mine, and cash shortfalls. Molycorp officials say they are in no danger of defaulting but one has to wonder.

6-5-15 Molycorp Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy: Well, that didn't take long. A mere 3 days after saying they weren't in trouble, now they say they are. The Greenwood Village based Colorado Company seem to be struggling more that they were willing to admit. Losses incurred due to falling metal prices, rising costs in expansion projects, and cash shortfalls have forced the Company to admit that they are in difficulty.



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6-9-15 **Newmont to Buy Gold Mine:** Another Greenwood Village based Colorado Company, Newmont Mining, has announced that it has agreed to buy Colorado's largest gold mine, the AngloGold Ashanti Ltd. Property, for \$820 million in cash. The Cripple Creek & Victor gold mine located near Victor, Colorado, would become Newmont's first active gold mine in Colorado since closing the Idarado Mine near Telluride back in the late 1970's. Newmont is also one of the world's largest gold mine producers and operates in Nevada, Australia, New Zealand, Ghana, Peru, Suriname and Indonesia. The gold to cover the dome of the Colorado State Capital building has been donated several times by the Cripple Creek & Victor gold mine.

WMMI Saturday, July 11th, 10am to 3pm:

"The Museum That Works!" invites you to celebrate our anniversary by coming to the museum to see our entire operation! Our 19th and 20th century steam engines will rumble to life; you'll hear the shrill whistle of an Osgood steam shovel; watch a trammer speed down the rail, and tour the museum's one-of-a-kind Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill Gold & Silver Refinery as we process gold ore! Visit with our donkeys as you enjoy cake and lemonade - available at noon for all visitors! New museum memberships will be offered at a discounted rate July 11th only! See www.wmmi.org for more! Admission: 13 and older - \$4.00, 12 and younger - \$2.00. Reminder, free admission if you have your GPR Badge with you.

A Miner's Laugh

There is now a new addition to Chemistry's Periodic Table. Research has led to the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium (Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every action with which it comes into contact.



A minute amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to take from four days to four years to complete. Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2-6 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass. When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners') 07/15

What is?

Mining in Medieval Europe: Mining as an industry underwent dramatic changes in medieval Europe. The mining industry in the early Middle Ages was mainly focused on the extraction of copper and iron. Other precious metals were also used mainly for gilding or coinage. Initially, many metals were obtained through open pit mining, and ore was primarily extracted from shallow depths, rather than through the digging of deep mine shafts. Around the 14th century, the demand for weapons, armor, stirrups, and horseshoes greatly increased the demand for iron. Medieval knights, for example, were often laden with up to 100 pounds of plate or chain link armor in addition to swords, lances and other weapons. The overwhelming dependency on iron for military purposes helped to spur increased iron production and extraction processes. The silver crisis of 1465 occurred when the mines had all reached depths at which the shafts could no longer be pumped dry with the available technology. Although an increased use of bank notes and credit during this period did decrease the value of, and dependence on, precious metals, these forms of currency still remained vital to the story of medieval mining. In the mid-sixteenth century the great attack on mineral deposits spread from central Europe to England. England had iron, zinc, copper, lead, and tin ores. On the continent all mineral deposits belonged to the crown, and this regalian right was stoutly maintained; but in England it was pared down to gold and silver (of which there was virtually none) by a judicial decision of 1568 and a law of 1688. Landlords therefore owned the base metals and coal



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under their estates and had a strong inducement to extract them or to lease the deposits and collect royalties from mine operators. English, German, and Dutch capital combined to finance extraction and refining. Hundreds of German technicians and skilled workers were brought over; in 1642 a colony of 4,000 foreigners was mining and smelting copper at Keswick in the northwestern mountains. Use of water power in the form of water mills was extensive. The water mills were employed in crushing ore, raising ore from shafts, and ventilating galleries by powering giant bellows. Black powder was first used in mining in Selmechnya, Kingdom of Hungary in 1627. Black powder allowed blasting of rock and earth to loosen and reveal ore veins. Blasting was much faster than fire setting and allowed the mining of previously impenetrable metals and ores. In 1762, the world's first mining academy was established in the same town. The widespread adoption of agricultural innovations such as the iron plowshare, as well as the growing use of metal as a building material, was also a driving force in the tremendous growth of the iron industry during this period. Inventions like the arrastra were often used by the Spanish to pulverize ore after being mined. This device was powered by animals and used the same principles used for grain threshing.

Much of the knowledge of medieval mining techniques comes from books such as Biringuccio's *De la pirotechnia* and probably most importantly from Georg Agricola's *De re Metallica* (1556). These books detail many different mining methods used in German and Saxon mines. One of the prime issues confronting medieval miners (and one which Agricola explains in detail) was the removal of water from mining shafts. As miners dug deeper to access new veins, flooding became a very real obstacle. The mining industry became dramatically more efficient and prosperous with the invention of mechanical and animal driven pumps.

Mining in the Classical Philippine Civilization: Mining in the Philippines began around 1000 BC. The early Filipinos worked various mines of gold, silver, copper and iron. Jewels, gold ingots, chains, calombigas and earrings were handed down from antiquity and inherited from their ancestors. Gold dagger handles, gold dishes, tooth plating, and huge gold ornaments were also used. In Laszlo Legeza's "Tantric elements in pre-Hispanic Philippines Gold Art", he mentioned that gold jewelry of Philippine origin was found in Ancient Egypt. According to Antonio Pigafetta, the people of Mindoro possessed great skill in mixing gold with other metals and gave it a natural and perfect appearance that could deceive even the best of silversmiths. The natives were also known for the jewelries made of other precious stones such as carnelian, agate and pearl. Some outstanding examples of Philippine jewelry included necklaces, belts, armlets and rings placed around the waist.

Mining in the Ameriaccas: There are ancient, prehistoric copper mines along Lake Superior, and metallic copper was still found there, near the surface, in colonial times. Indians availed themselves of this copper starting at least 5,000 years ago," and copper tools, arrowheads, and other artifacts that were part of an extensive native trade network have been discovered. In addition, obsidian, flint, and other minerals were mined, worked, and traded. Early French explorers who encountered the sites made no use of the metals due to the difficulties of transporting them, but the copper was eventually traded throughout the continent along major river routes. In Saskatchewan, Canada, there also are ancient quartz mines near Waddy Lake and surrounding regions. In the early colonial history of the Americas, "native gold and silver was quickly expropriated and sent back to Spain in fleets of gold- and silver-laden galleons," the gold and silver mostly from mines in Central and South America. Turquoise dated at 700 A.D. was mined in pre-Columbian America; in the Cerillos Mining District in New Mexico, estimates are that "about 15,000 tons of rock had been removed from Mt. Chalchihuitl using stone tools before 1700." Mining in the United States became prevalent in the 19th century, and the General Mining Act of 1872 was passed to encourage mining of federal lands. As with the California Gold Rush in the mid-19th century, mining for minerals and precious metals, along with ranching, was a driving factor in the Westward Expansion to the Pacific coast. With the exploration of the West, mining camps were established and "expressed a distinctive spirit, an enduring legacy to the new nation;" Gold Rushers would experience the same problems as the Land Rushers of the transient West that preceded them. Aided by railroads, many traveled West for work opportunities in mining. Western cities such as Denver and Sacramento originated as mining towns. As new areas were explored, it was usually the gold (placer and then load) and then silver that were taken first, with other metals often waiting for railroads or canals. Coarse gold dust and nuggets do not require smelting and are easy to identify and transport. *(More to follow next month) 7/15*

Georgetown RR Loop Panning Demo

The Panning Demo that we do up at the Georgetown Loop Railroad is always a lot of fun. This year, our first of 2 weekends was June 20 and 21st. You get to meet up with folks from all over the world. We had folks from China, Japan, India, France, Germany, Switzerland and lots of other places to name just a few. The weather was great and we had a



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great bunch of volunteers who managed to get the job done. If you have never taken the Loop or taken the tour of the Lebanon Mine and the newly opened Everitt Mine, you are missing a great time. The scenery is unbeatable and of course, Clear Creek was running at more than 2000 CFS which made for some spectacular views of the white water. Many thanks to Jim Long, Mike Hurtado, Jack Meineke, Steve Miller, Jim Peterson, Dennis White, George Sullivan, Theresa Goeble, Tim and Tina Fleming for making things go great. Thanks to Tom Hill for making the Railroad Loop a true entertainment. Pres. Long managed to take a few photos during all the fun.



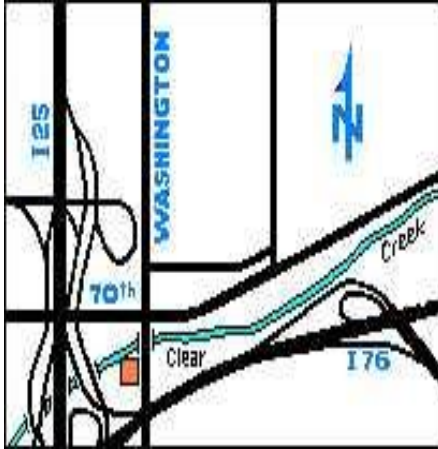
Clay County Outing has Good Turnout

The Clay County, Blackhawk June 6 Outing had a bug turnout with some 35 members attending. The weather was pretty good for the most part. We were able to dig until noon before we got just a very light sprinkle. Most everyone had enough buckets by then so after lunch, we all moved down to Mexican Flats on Clear Creek. There, Pres. Long, John Johnson, and Steve Overton set up their high bankers and ran the buckets for everyone who wanted to do so. By 3:30, we had run everyone's material and they had their cleanup concentrates to take home and pan out. This made it so much easier for everyone who participated and a lot of the newer folks got a chance to see how the machines run and how quickly all that material could be processed as opposed to sitting at the edge of the creek and panning it all out. We did get a little rain shower in the middle of that run but it was only a light one and caused no issues. As always, while we were working along Clear Creek, we drew quite a crowd of curious onlookers who were all interested in what we were doing and they all took lots of pictures. Mining does seem to spark considerable interest in a lot of folks, especially the ones who have never seen it being done before. All in all, it was a good day and everyone had a little gold to show for it. Pres. Long took a few photos along the way.





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- 7.5" x 4.3" Eight Column Inches (Horizontal)..... \$24
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Contact the GPR President

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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Aug 2015

(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 Prospecting Outing Lake Creek. Leadville Jul 31, Aug 1, 2
2 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline	3	4	5 WMMI Tiny House Jamboree Aug 5 to 7 Event will feature dozens of tiny homes.	6	7	8 Beginners Panning Class
9	10	11	12	13	14 End of WWII	15
16	17	18	19 GPR Club Meeting	20	21	22 Prospecting Outing Clay County Mine
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Prospecting Outing Lower Clear Creek