

THE GOLD NUGGET

September 2015

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



I am thoroughly disgusted..!! The Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) has contributed directly to the largest mine waste spill in recent Colorado history. This spill far exceeds the spill near Parachute 2 years ago of benzene by the oil drilling industry into the watershed. This spill is of such gigantic proportions that we may never know the full impact on the environment and the Animas River watershed for years to come.

The waste plume turned the Animas River a bright orange for miles as it worked its way south into the San Juan River and then west from New Mexico into Utah where it appears destined for Lake Powell.

“We are truly sorry for this incident and we accept full responsibility for it”, said EPA spokes persons. Really?? The federal governmental agency charged with ensuring that such accidents don’t happen and with cleaning up old abandoned mines, are the ones who screwed things up. The sludge that turned the river orange has caused damage that is hard to fully grasp. People whose livelihoods depend on the river have been left with nothing. Cities have had to shut down intake valves to avoid getting anything into their drinking water. Rafting businesses have lost income and revenue. Fishermen cannot fish. People are being warned to stay out of the water. And a week later, the head of the EPA and the Governor of Colorado finally manage to get to the scene of the crime as the water begins to clear and proclaim that while it looks bad, only time will tell what the real damage is. And they say they are sorry?

Mark my words...when the dust settles and the sludge clears, somehow, the EPA will shift the blame to miners for creating the situation in the first place. True, while mining practices of the past were less than concerning for the environment, miners of today were not responsible for it. Those mines were not dug by small scale miners. They were dug by the larger companies and corporations. Yet this black eye will follow modern miners and will have an impact on those of us who may desire to pursue a hard rock mine perhaps in the future. There are tens of thousands of old abandoned mines in the western United States, a great many of them in Colorado. A lot of them are just like the Gold King Mine near Silverton, the scene of the crime of this latest disaster. And it is estimated that the current oil drilling experiences an average of 2 spills per day..!! But the EPA has threatened anyone who tries to clean them up with arrest and fines because it is considered that none of us know how to do it right and only they do. What?? So when they screw things up and cause the problem, a simple apology will suffice? All I have to say is heads had better roll. Somebody needs to be held accountable. Sadly, the little guy worker who actually caused the breach will probably be fired and his supervisor reprimanded and if anybody goes to jail, it will probably be them and not any of the bureaucrats who sat back, gave the orders, failed to provide on-site supervision and then will duck the ultimate responsibility.

I guess I am just mad that this happened and that the EPA directly caused it. I am angry that they put all kinds of road blocks in the way of the mining community, yet they are incapable of avoiding catastrophe themselves. The sludge spilled contains heavy metals to include lead, cadmium, copper, arsenic, and a host of others. The lead alone was measured at 5720 parts per billion (ppb) and the acceptably safe level is considered to be only 50 ppb. That is the danger of these old mines. They have sat abandoned for decades, slowly filling with seep and ground water, collecting all kinds of stuff as they fill. We have known for a long time that they present a very difficult problem to mitigate. I think we all understand that. I believe that some of the large corporations who owned and worked some of these time bombs and who still operate in the mining industry today, have to step up to the plate and accept some responsibility for their current condition and provide some profit dollars for the necessary mitigation to render these sites safe. Will they do it..? Not likely in my opinion. And right now, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as well as the US Forest Service is looking to auction/extend leases of thousands of additional acres to the large oil and gas companies. In business, it is all about the profit margin. Moral responsibility doesn’t seem to be very important in the world of business. Government and business have long been in bed together. It is all just so disappointing to me and I hope, to you as well. I expect we will be hearing of negative consequences to this incident for the next decade or so. And we small scale miners will ultimately find that it was all our fault.

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



Well folks we are getting closer to the final areas that you can check out here in Colorado.

We started close to Denver and now we are moving out to our borders. Jamestown is in Central district. Nine miles northwest of Boulder there were many Area mines. Lefthand Creek, north of gold Hill, Bumpers Gulch , Coon Trail, North Beaver

And South Boulder Creeks, southeast of Caribou contain placer gold. James Creek above Jamestown contains placer gold. Central Gulch, west of Jamestown contains placer gold.

Upper Fourmile Creek, northwest of Sugarloaf contains placer gold. It had a total production of 207,000 gold ounces. There are many area mines that produced gold in pyrite and telluride minerals. The Jamestown, Gold Hill and Ward area mines all produced lode gold.

Ward – Ward Colorado district is 9 – 13 miles northwest of Boulder. It covered 12 square Miles in headwaters of Lefthand and Fourmile Creeks. The old camps of Sunset and Copper Rock, more than 50 lode mines in the area, had a total production of 172,000 ounces of Lode gold. The Niwot and Columbia mines were the largest producers of lode gold. In east part of the district, many mines produced gold in tellurides.

Garfield The Monarch district is near Garfield at an elevation of 10,000 – 10,500 feet. The total production was between 15,000 – 20,000 ounces of by-product gold. The area mines in T49 and 50N, R6E, on old dumps there are gold showings. The Madonna Mine was a major producer of lode gold.

As always if you have any questions just give me a call. 720-443-9545. (KLONDIKE) Mike

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The Sept Meeting will feature a nine nugget give away totaling 10.3 grams of gold with the largest nugget being a beauty of 2.8 grams. We will also be selling final tickets, as always, for the ‘special nugget’, and it will be given away in the August meeting. 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! Club election of Board Members and Officers will be coming up very quickly. **President Long** is considering stepping down. **Vice President Hurtado** will be stepping down along with **Secretary/Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg**. That means that there is ample opportunity for new leadership and potential growth. We certainly hope that there are some among you who are willing to step up and take the reins of one of the largest and most active prospecting clubs in the State of Colorado. It really isn’t that hard for someone who is willing to just take a little time to get it done. President Long is looking for folks who are willing to assist in conducting the Outings as well as oversee the 4 Panning Demos that we do every year. Our Elections Officer, Joe Shubert, will be announcing the election process and schedule elsewhere in this issue so be sure and look for it.

Planned GPR Meeting Programs:

Sept 16 The feature for 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 legendry gold horde of 750,000 pounds.

Oct 21 We will show a presentation by the History Channel titled **“The Mystery of the Afghan Gold”**, a 50 minute dvd which chronicles the discovery of one of the words most fabled treasurers and its loss a few decades later.

Nov 18 The Club will conduct an extended break and have a **“Members’ used/new equipment trade/swap/sale.”** So be sure and bring any of the stuff you don’t want anymore and put it out. Be sure to bring a table covering as we do not want to scar/mar the table tops.

Dec 16 This will be the **“Members Only Christmas Dinner/Potluck”**. Plan to arrive by 6pm and we will plan on eating about 6:15 to 6:30 and the evening program will commence at about 7pm.



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

"Pete's" latest adventure was to travel to Lake Creek near Leadville for the latest GPR Outing. Jack Meineke was his host and 'Pete' managed to find a little gold while helping everyone to pan, sluice and high bank at this 3-day outing. Jack got a few photos to prove that 'Pete' was there. 'Pete' has had a pretty interesting year so far and says that he is really excited to have been in so many places this year.



Pete and Steve Miller at Lake Creek



Pete, Linda and Mike at Lake Creek

Board Meeting Minutes From Aug 2015

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

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By Pres. Long at 5:57 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes Corrections: none.

Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None Approved: yes

Correspondence: 5 phone calls, 11 e-mails, 6 mailings

Webmaster: Total Hits 141387 Hits for last month 389.

Committee Reports: No reports due.

Unfinished business:

- Discussion of web site transfer. We have chosen HostGator and are in the process of migrating the site now. Users should not see much change at all.
- LLC process still pending.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2015:

- Aug 22 – Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, 9a.
- Aug 29 – This Outing has been CANCELLED.
- Sept 5,6 – Panning Demo at Georgetown Loop Railroad, 9a –4p.
- Sept 10, 11, 12 – Panning Demo at Highlands Ranch Mansion, 9900 S. Ranch Rd. 9a -2p.
- Sept 19 – Panning Demo at Idaho Springs Festival, 10a-2p.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long announced that the recent 3 day Lake Creek Outing went very well with about 40 participants and the weather was very good. Everybody found a little gold.
- The Beginners Panning Class on Aug 8 also went very well.
- None of the other Board members had any items to discuss.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting Sept. 16, 2015 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting Sept. 16, 2015 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: We will be showing a video from the History Channel titled "The Klondike Gold Rush".

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:28 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What was found over the Christmas season in 2014 by an English metal detectorists club?

2015 GPR Board of Directors Members

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James Long

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Mike Hurtado

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Joe Johnston (2013)

Joe Shubert (2011)

1 Year Board Members

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson

Bobby Manning



General Meeting Minutes From Aug 2015

1. Meeting was opened at 7:04 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced the evening program which will be a video presentation by the History Channel titled “The Klondike Gold Rush”.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1134.10 an ounce, silver at \$15.31, platinum at \$1013.00 and palladium at \$613.00.
4. Web hits for last month were 389.
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’ drawing that will be given away tonight. This is an Arizona nugget that was a metal detector find.
6. Dan and Becki McConnell who have now taken over the Membership Table reported that we had 89 members in attendance. There were also 5 guests present. The meeting attendance was 94.
7. Pres. Long read the ‘Question of the Month’, which was “On August 16, 1896, gold was discovered in the Klondike by what member of the Tagish people??”
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 found by **John Johnson**. John was presented with a beautiful 8.2 gram gold nugget. He will now have the honor of hiding the next Cache and developing the clues for it.
10. **Tim and Tina Fleming** advised that they had lots of stuff in the **Club Store** for sale. We have introduced some bags of sand containing gold for members to buy. Members were encouraged to support the Club by buying Store products.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership of the upcoming Outings.
 - Aug. 22 – **Prospecting Outing**, Lake Gulch, Blackhawk, Colo., 9am.
 - Aug. 29 – This **Prospecting Outing** has been CANCELLED!!
12. **Pres. Long** also informed the membership that the Panning Demo for the Japanese Exchange students held in Idaho Springs on July 22 went very well. There were 27 students who learned to pan for gold. He also reported that the 3 day Outing on Lake Creek near Leadville went very well with some 40 members participating over the 3 days. The BBQ went very well and the weather was pretty good. Everyone found a little gold as well. Pres. Long reported that we have selected HostGator to perform the task. They are in the process now of migrating the current site over and we hope there will be no problems. President Long then spoke on the current EPA caused disaster on the Animas River. The discussion was a little lively. We will probably be talking about this for months to come. There was nothing further from the floor.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:15 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35 pm.
14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were 17 winners of the Question of the Month’. The answer was “**Skookum Jim Mason**”!! 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 silver ring found in Lakewood while metal detecting.
 - **Best Coin** – **Joe Johnston** with a 1981 Canadian Quarter found in Boulder while metal detecting.
 - **Best Artifact** – **Karen Miller** with some beautiful quartz crystals found in near Silverton.
 - **Best Bottle** – **Sue Hurd** with an Apothecary bottle she found in a back yard near Denver University.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Ashton and Ed Starcher** with 2.25 grams of gold they got from near Blackhawk.
16. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, GPAA** 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**.



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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.
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 September** will be a video presentation titled "Inca Gold", a presentation from the A&E 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.

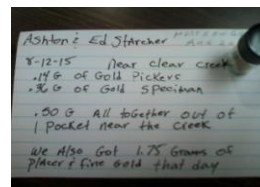
Schedule of 2015 Planned Outings:

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

Aug winners were as follows:

- **Best Artifact** – **Karen Miller** with quartz crystals found near Silverton.
- **Best Jewelry** – **George Sullivan** with a silver ring he found in Lakewood metal detecting.
- **Best Coin** – **Joe Johnston** with a 1981 Canadian quarter found in Boulder.
- **Best Bottle** – **Sue Hurd** with an apothecary bottle found near Denver University.
- **Most Raw Gold** – **Ashton and Ed Starcher** with 2.25 grams of gold 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)

8-10-15 **EPA Creates Biggest Mine Spill in Recent Colorado History:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) workers working on the Gold King Mine near Silverton, inadvertently broke an earthen 'cork' resulting in a massive pollution spill of heavy metal waste into the Animas River. The spill is estimated at more than 3 million gallons at the time and is continuing to lead 500 gallons an hour into the pristine Animas River watershed. The water contains heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, copper and zinc and a host of other environmentally dangerous chemicals to include benzene and arsenic. The EPA issued an apology saying 'we are sorry for this unfortunate incident and accept full responsibility for what we have done'. *(I thought the photo to the right pretty much says it all...JJ)*





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8-26-15 **World's Biggest Miner Posts Drop in Profits:** BHP Billiton, the world's biggest miner and based in Melbourne, Australia, reported an 86% drop in annual profit amid plummeting commodity prices. The company warned that China's slowing economy would lead to further market volatility.

NOTE: (The recent spectacular drop in the DOW and NASDAQ in the last week has been a result of several factors, one of which is the closing of the China economy as well as the weakened European economy as a result of continued Greece problems. But analysts speculate that the American economy is doing well and that this may be no more than an expected market adjustment which has been long expected. Bottom line is that while the DOW drops, gold is apt to take a hit in the beginning but generally rebounds well when people begin mistrusting the US Dollar JJ)

A Miner's Laugh

An old miner went over to the nearby CVS Pharmacy. When he got there, he went straight back to the back of the store to where the Pharmacists' Counter is located and took out a little brown bottle along with a teaspoon and laid them both on the counter.

The Pharmacist came over smiled and asked if he could help him. The old miner replied, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me?" Being as the old miner was a senior citizen...I guess the Pharmacist just went along with him and picked up the spoon and put a tiny bit of the liquid on his tongue and swilled it around. Then with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spit it out on the floor and began coughing. When he finally was finished, the old miner looked him right in the eye asked, "Now, does that taste sweet to you?" The pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled, "HELL NO!!!"

So the old miner said, "Oh thank God! That's a real relief! My Doctor told me to get my Urine tested for Sugar!"

Well, the old miner can never go back to that CVS Pharmacy again, but he didn't really care though, because they aren't really very friendly there anymore!! (Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners.)



Fall Beginners Panning Class 2015

The Fall Beginners' Panning Class was conducted on Clear Creek at the Youngfield location on August 8. The weather was perfect and there were about 9 beginners learning to hone their skill as beginning prospectors. Andy Doll, Jack Meineke, Dan Cheer and Joe Fortunato were also present to help make things work out just right. Joe found a really good spot which saved the day and everyone was able to get a little gold in their pans. For some, this was the first gold they had actually found. And that is exactly why we do this Class. It is so refreshing when you help someone and they find that very first speck. Sometimes the look on their faces makes everything worthwhile. Andy Doll managed to take a couple of photos.



What is Mining?

Machines: Heavy machinery is used in mining to explore and develop sites, to remove and stockpile overburden, to break and remove rocks of various hardness and toughness, to process the ore, and to carry out reclamation projects after the mine is closed. Bulldozers, drills, explosives and trucks are all necessary for excavating the land. In the case of placer mining, unconsolidated gravel, or alluvium, is fed into machinery consisting of a hopper and a shaking screen o





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trommel which frees the desired minerals from the waste gravel. The minerals are then concentrated using sluices or jigs. The Bagger 288 (pictured at left) is a bucket wheel excavator used in strip mining. It is also the largest land vehicle of all time. A Bucyrus Erie 2570 dragline and CAT 797 haul truck (pictured below) at the North Antelope Rochelle openpit coal mine.

Large drills are used to sink shafts, excavate stopes, and obtain samples for analysis. Trams are used to transport miners, minerals and waste. Lifts carry miners into and out of mines, and move rock and ore out, and machinery in and out, of underground mines. Huge trucks, shovels and cranes are employed in surface mining to move large quantities of overburden and ore. Processing plants utilize large crushers, mills, reactors, roasters and other equipment to consolidate the mineral-rich material and extract the desired compounds and metals from the ore.



Processing:

Main articles: mineral processing and extractive metallurgy. Once the mineral is extracted, it is often then processed. The science of extractive metallurgy is a specialized area in the science of metallurgy that studies the extraction of valuable metals from their ores, especially through chemical or mechanical means.

Mineral processing (or mineral dressing) is a specialized area in the science of metallurgy that studies the mechanical means of crushing, grinding, and washing that enable the separation (extractive metallurgy) of valuable metals or minerals from their gangue (waste material). Processing of placer ore material consists of gravity-dependent methods of separation, such as sluice boxes. Only minor shaking or washing may be necessary to disaggregate (unclump) the sands or gravels before processing. Processing of ore from a lode mine, whether it is a surface or subsurface mine, requires that the rock ore be crushed and pulverized before extraction of the valuable minerals begins. After lode ore is crushed, recovery of the valuable minerals is done by one, or a combination of several, mechanical and chemical techniques.

Since most metals are present in ores as oxides or sulfides, the metal needs to be reduced to its metallic form. This can be accomplished through chemical means such as smelting or through electrolytic reduction, as in the case of aluminum. Geometallurgy, combines the geologic sciences with extractive metallurgy and mining. *(More to follow next month)*

In light of the recent mine spill from one of Colorado's hundreds of abandoned mines, why not take some time out to learn a little bit more about the mining history of this state?

Thursday, September 10th, 2015 (doors at 6pm, lecture at 7pm):

Heritage lecture & Exhibit Opening- Trails and Trials: Stories from the Mining Migration Trails and Ink Sketches of Mine Labor Life

Join WMMI as we open our newest exhibit -*The Mining Art of Buck O'Donnell* - with a lecture by Lee Whiteley. JC (Buck) O'Donnell created a series of pen and ink drawings for various mining related supply and informational magazines during the early to mid-20th century. His work appeared in magazines like *Shaft and Development Machines* and *Machinery Center, Inc.* O'Donnell's works served to provide visual evidence of how miners lived, how they worked, and what the western mining boom looked like to those who lived it. For the opening, Lee Whiteley will speak about his book "*Pathways to Gold*", which looks at the various trails the gold prospectors took to reach the gold fields in Colorado. Join WMMI as we welcome Lee Whiteley and enjoy a series of nineteen sequenced, pen and ink drawings of underground mining, mining equipment and miner's lives. Heritage Lectures at WMMI are always free!

Visit www.wmmi.org for more details. RSVP to rsvp@wmmi.org. **Heritage Lectures at WMMI are always FREE with an rsvp!**

New DVD available Please take the time to check out this web site, ghostsofthewestmovie.com and look at excerpts from the movie "**Ghosts of the West: The End of the Bonanza Trail.**" This movie was shot on location in the Old West ghost towns and mining camps of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West. Perhaps some of you members saw it during its tour through Colorado. After highly successful test screenings in 2012 and a Best Documentary Award win at the annual Filmed in Utah ceremony in 2013, *Ghosts of the West* went on to an even more successful limited theatrical roadshow. A number of venues were completely sold out, and the lines for our sole screening in Denver wrapped around



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the Landmark Esquire Theatre. At the sold out show in Phoenix, an overzealous moviegoer made away with the film's poster! An engagement in Estes Park, Colorado this past September gave the 225-seat historic Park Theatre its first sold-out show since 2007's *The Bourne Ultimatum*. Pres. Long will have a sign-up sheet at the Sept. Meeting for those of you who would be interested in purchasing this video of our Colorado history.

Fall Clay County Outing Held

The Fall Prospecting Outing at the Clay County property was conducted on August 22. It was a fairly light turnout compared to the Spring Outing, but 13 members had a good time in good weather, digging for gold. It was completely dry at this time of the year, but we dug until noon, had lunch and then retired to Clear Creek in the canyon where Pres. Long set up his high banker and ran everyone's material for them. Since we had a little extra time, Pres. Long gave several advanced lessons on panning and showed everyone how to reduce the amount of material that you wind up taking home. He even gave a lesson on panning that last little bit of gold out of the black sand and showed how easy it really was. Everyone found gold and one member especially did very well in the spot that he chose. Pres. Long took a few photos on the mountain.



Lots of Fun at Lake Creek Outing

The Club's three day Outing on Lake Creek near Leadville on July 31, Aug. 1 and 2 was a lot of fun. We had nearly 40 members who managed to get up there for at least one or more days. The water was not as high as past years and the weather was pretty good as well. I have never seen so many RVs and pull trailers as we had this year. It was absolutely full to the brim. The digging was a little harder this year but near as I could tell, everyone who was digging got a little gold. The Saturday night barbeque went very well this year with no rain until well after the event for a change. Many thanks go to Tim and Tina Fleming who brought their large awning just in case. Tina did the 'go away rain' dance and everything worked out well. Pres. Long got a few photos to share with everyone:



PARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Join the Park County Historical Society on Saturday, September 12th for the next dinner and presentation when Jackie Powell and Gary Higgins will talk about the Snowstorm Dredge.

The Snowstorm Dredge was constructed in the 1930s after most of the gold mining activity in the state had long diminished. Tucked away out and out of sight, between Fairplay and Alma, is the only remaining gold dredge in Colorado. There are only bits and pieces of other gold dredges in the state, but this one is nearly complete.

This event will be held at the Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church located at 106 Rosalie Rd. There is an \$8.00 at the door charge. Seniors, 80 years of age and over, are \$5.00. Dinner will start at 5:00. The presentation around 5:30.

Jane Gilsinger researched and published the chronology of the Snowstorm Dredge. We will have autographed copies available after the presentation.



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In addition, we will also have the newly published books "The Life and Times of Elizabeth Enriken and Joseph Barnett" and the "Images of America - Park County" available.

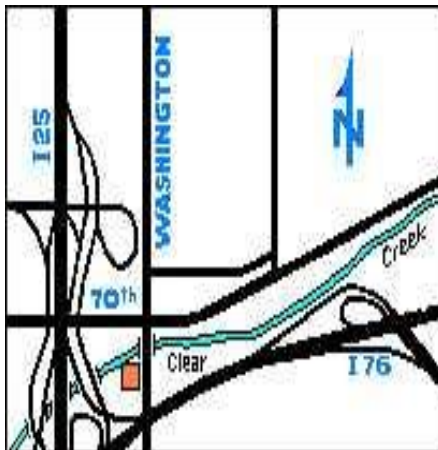
Call (303) 838-8241 with any questions. [Park County Historical Society of Colorado](http://www.parkcountyhistoricalsociety.com)

(Pets are not allowed so please leave them at home!)

Sue Duncanson won the Special Big Nugget



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Coming Announcements and Special Events for Oct 2015

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