

2018 DUES ARE PAST DUE

The Prez Sez by Jim Long

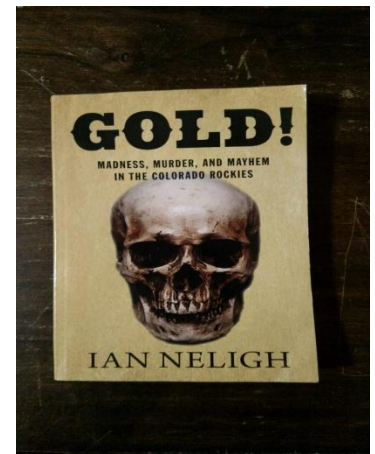


We finally got the first outing of the year off to good weather and a good turnout. I can only hope that we continue to have favorable conditions for the remaining adventures that we have scheduled for everyone to enjoy. If you don't try to put a few of these events on your schedule, then you will be missing a lot of fun. We completed the first of two annual Beginner Classes in early April and now have the first prospecting outing completed as well. That leaves 17 or 18 to go.

How many of you are aware that the Club has a Facebook page? We do and you can access it by simply searching your Facebook app for Gold Prospectors of the Rockies. We started this page in late 2016 but it didn't draw much interest and we only had 95 likes' by Christmas of 2017. Then it kind of took off.

In the last 4 months, we have had another 140 'likes' so people are starting to pay attention. You can post comments on the page any time you have something to say. I encourage you to post pictures of your prospecting, metal detecting, rock hounding, gold photos or whatever you think would be interesting to share. I only ask that you try to keep it mining related. I will not approve of vulgarity or political nonsense as this is a prospecting forum and we are all civilized adults, or I certainly hope that we are. To date, I have been pretty much the only one posting and that is ok, but I would like to see a few of you smart phone folk adding to the fun. There is a place for anyone visiting to 'write something' and that is where you would issue a posting. So let's see what really cool things you have to share with other like-minded folk.

I recently read a book written by Ian Neligh, called **"Gold! Madness, Murder, and Mayhem in the Colorado Rockies"**. Mr. Neligh is the editor of the *'Clear Creek Courant'* newspaper in Idaho Springs. The book is well written and contains 19 chapters that are easy reading. The author does not tell you where to go to find gold, as he is not really a miner. However, having lived and written many stories about mining and miners in his newspaper, he decided to write a book about mining and miners. The book features a number of local folk to include Ken Reid and Al Mosch of Idaho Springs, Bill Chapman of Golden Detectors, Jesse Peterson of 'Vic's Gold Panning below Blackhawk, and a few others who are well known in the mining community. Chapter 7 of the book is titled 'The New Prospectors'. This chapter is pretty well dedicated to the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies Club. I can honestly say that the author portrayed our Club in a very favorable and accurate light. And I think that he very aptly applied what our Club stands for and tries to do with the title of the Chapter. We do represent the 'new prospectors and the small scale mining community'. I highly recommend that you add this book to your library. It is in mine and I plan on putting a copy of it in the Club Library and if you look around, it is not too hard to find. As a member of the Club, you might feel a little ownership in it as well.



We have several of our members who will be traveling to Alaska this summer in the search for gold. Several are headed for the Gold King Creek Mine northeast of Fairbanks, which is opening for their very first 'pay to dig' season. Those folks are getting in on the ground floor and I wish I could be there with them. Others are traveling to other locations to include Chicken and down on the Kenai. Having been to Alaska several times myself, I can assure you that any trip north to the 'last frontier' is worthwhile no matter why you are going up there. Hunting, fishing, vacation, sight-seeing, hey, it is all good. But if you are going up there in search of gold, ahhh, now that is a horse of a different color. You just can't beat that 'golden' horse. Momma won't let me go again just yet. She says I spend too much money chasing gold and she wants me to stick around more and stop gallivanting all over. So, I guess I am kind of grounded for a while. Who knows, maybe next year? Or the year after...?or, soon...?maybe...?who knows!!!!?

Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your endeavors, no matter what they may be...! Until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'!



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You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com . Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

The V.P. Corner by “Joe Fortunato



Greetings fellow gold prospectors. My calendar is indicating that it is officially May. Time to start doing some serious gold huntin’. If you haven’t dipped a pan yet, now is the time. Warm weather means melting snow in the high country and increased stream flows here locally, so get that local gold before the runoff starts. Speaking of weather, the weather in Nevada has not been favorable for metal detecting in the Rye Patch region this spring. Rainfall in early April has made the ground very noisy and difficult to detect. Now the ground is drying, but daytime temperatures are getting pretty darn hot. With business commitments and projects around the house, I am looking at the possibility that Rye Patch may not happen for me until this fall. So here I sit, with a new gold detector still in the box since Christmas!! I have a couple of places to try it here in Colorado, but that will take another six weeks for the snow to melt in the high country. One of the things that I like about gold prospecting, is we have so many options available to use in our hunt for the elusive metal. I haven’t been out gold prospecting lately, but I sure have been reading some good articles in the April issue of the Mining Journal magazine. Some months are better than others are, and April was a winner in my opinion. The piece on How to Evaluate Mineral Claims is very informative and outlines the pro’s and con’s, of purchasing a mineral claim. Then there is the story of the guy in Arizona finding 1.4 ounces of gold in ten hours with a metal detector. He will remember that trip for the rest of his life. The article about Hunting Down Pay Streaks is a “must read” for anyone who wants to learn to read a river. This will take a lot of the guesswork out of your efforts to locate pay streaks when you are out prospecting. There are two diagrams provided, one shows stream currents, the other shows where the pay streaks are formed. The pay streaks are numbered from 1 to 11 along the varying geology of the stream. The formation of each pay streak is explained based on its relationship to the geology of the stream at that location. This is some great information on pay streaks folks; it is information (knowledge) that will make you a successful gold prospector. Until next time..... “MAY ALL YOUR ADVENTURES BE GOLDEN” Questions or comments.... call or text me 303-263-7204 Joe Fortunato

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Roger Schlenger



The May Meeting will feature a drawing for nine (9) gold nuggets of which the largest will be a 2.8-gram nugget. We will soon have another ‘Special Nugget’ for give away, so stay tuned to see how big and from where. Be sure to support your Club by buying as many nugget drawing and raffle tickets as you can afford. Remember, your odds of winning a nugget here are far better than your chances of winning the lottery.

Planned 2018 GPR Meeting Programs:

- May 16 Gold Trails video, episodes 13 and 14
- June 20 To be determined
- July 18 To be determined
- Aug 15 To be determined

Board Meeting Minutes From Apr 2018

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| X | James Long | | Joe Shubert | X | Joe Fortunato | X | John Johnson |
| | Mike Hurtado | X | Joe Johnston | X | Chris Kafka | X | Brandon Luchtenburg |
| X | Roger Schlenger | X | Bobby Manning | X | Andy Doll | | Gary Hawley |

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order by: Pres. Long at 6:02pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Corrections: none Approved as read/corrected: yes.

Treasurer’s Report: Questions: none Approved: yes.



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Correspondence: 2 phone calls, 10 e-mails, 7 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits 151019 Hits for last 2 month 232.

Committee Reports:

- Secretary of State Filing completed for 2018.
- Outing Schedule For 2018 sent out to membership with Newsletter.
- Decision made to move the CD to a one-year rollover on June 25.

Unfinished Business: Waiting on a new special nugget.

New Business: None at this time.

Planned Outings for 2018:

- Apr. 28 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, 9a
- May 17 Sat Panning Demo, Aurora Comm. College, 10a, see sign-up sheet.
- May 19 Sat Prospecting Outing, Lake Gulch, 9a

From the Board:

- Pres. Long discussed the April 7 Beginners Panning/sluicing Class that saw 20 new people in attendance. Class went great.
- BM Manning reported that the Gem/mineral Show on April 14 went very well.
- We discussed the fact that Frank Goltra is apparently continuing his efforts to build a Lodge in Lake Gulch. Whatever happens with this situation will not be in the best interest of the local claim owners in that area.
- BM Doll reported that the Domain Fee has been paid for the Web Site.
- BM's Shubert and Hurtado were missing due to health and weather reasons.

Additional Announcements: Next Board Meeting: April 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Next General Meeting: May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Tonight's general meeting program: We will show another Gold Trails video by Kevin Hoagland of the GPAA

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:34 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Imagine a heavy flowing river that is 3 or 4 feet deep. Sand rich with gold is traveling downstream, and then suddenly, a shelf appears that brings the water depth from 3 or 4 feet to 1 to 2 feet. What happens to the sand and gold??

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General Meeting Minutes From Apr 2018

1. Meeting was opened at 7:07 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced that the evening Program would feature a video of 'Gold Trails' hosted by Kevin Hoagland of the GPAA.
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report: Gold 1349.20, Silver17.18, Platinum 940.00, Palladium 1028.00, Rhodium 1920.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month were approx. 232.
5. **Treasurer Roger Schlenger** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. We will soon have another 'Special Nugget' to raffle off. Also, be sure to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.8 grams.
6. **Dan McConnell** who oversees the Membership Table reported that we had 68 members in attendance. There were 2 guests present. The total meeting attendance was 70.
7. Pres. Long read the 'Question of the Month', which was "In the 1925 movie "Gold Rush", Charlie Chaplin eats a boot. In the scene, the Lone Prospector and Big Jim are having the boot for supper. What was the boot made of??
8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the '**Finds of the Month**' table and that the monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November, 2018. A reminder to all that gold submissions need to be weighed dry and only one submission per person per category. Be sure to fill out the entry cards completely.
9. **John Johnson** announced the 'Cache Clue # 2'.
10. **Pres. Long** advised that there was no **Club Store** tonight as **Mike Hurtado** could not make the meeting.



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11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that:
 - the Outings Schedule for 2018 is prepared and was mailed out with the Newsletter for April.
 - The first event will be on April 28, Sat., a Prospecting Outing at Lake Gulch commencing at 9a.
 - A Panning Demo will be held at the Aurora Community College on May 17 at 10a, see the sign-up sheet.
 - On May 19 will be another Prospecting Outing at Lake Gulch up by Blackhawk.
 - The Beginners Class held on April 7 went very well with 20 newbies present and ready to learn. Everyone found some gold and learned a lot.
 - A final reminder that the 2018 Club Dues are now Past due.
 - Members were encouraged to support the Store during the Break and to return any materials checked out from the Library as soon as possible, and to vote on the Finds of the Month, purchase their gold drawing tickets and submit their answers to the Question of the Month.
 - Pres. Long discussed a new book that has just been published called “Gold Panning Colorado”. While there are parts of the book that are pretty decent, there are some serious gaffes in it, which could lead a prospector into some serious trouble. There are numerous inaccuracies and improper directions cited. If you purchase this book, beware and go forth with extreme caution if you should follow any of his directions to places to dig gold. Enough said.!!!
 - There was nothing additional of note added from the Floor.
12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:19 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:36 pm.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the winners of the ‘**Question of the Month**’. The answer was, “**Licorice**” !! There were 39 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
14. **Pres. Long** announced the winners for the ‘**Finds of the Month**’. Those were:
 - **Best Coin** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Best Jewelry** – **Dennis Perederin** with a silver cross pendant he found while metal detecting at Big Dry Creek Park.
 - **Best Mineral** – There was no entry in this category for the month.
 - **Best Artifact** – **John Olson** with an old military eagle button he found while metal detecting in eastern Colorado.
 - **Best Bottle** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Kevin Singel** with 0.64 grams of gold he found in several watersheds while prospecting.
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – There was no entry for this category this month.
15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Jack Meineke, Gordon Smith, Dick Oakes, the GPAA, and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 9 gold nuggets. Pres. Long also wants to remind 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 shall be considered to have been donated back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **Chuck Cown** and **Roger Schlenger**.
16. **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 outside the meetings at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.
17. **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. Don’t forget the ‘tip jar’ also, which helps to defray costs. 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.
18. The **May Meeting Program** will be a video by GPAA’s Kevin Hoagland’s Gold Trails and will feature episodes from his travels. 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’!
19. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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Finds of the Month Mar 2018

The finds of the Month for April are as follows:

Best Coin – There was no entry for this category this month.

Best Jewelry – **Dennis Perederin** with a silver cross pendant he found while metal detecting Big Dry Creek Park.

Best Mineral – There was no entry for this category this month.

Best Artifact – **John Olson** with a military eagle button he found in eastern Colorado while metal detecting.

Best Bottle – There was no entry for this category this month.

Most Raw Gold – **Kevin Singel** with 0.64 grams of gold he found in Clear Creek while prospecting.

Largest Raw Gold – There was no entry for this category this month.



Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. We would all like to know what everyone else is finding out there so don't be bashful. Winners each month will have their name published in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. Monthly winners will need to save their finds to bring back to the November 2017 meeting to compete for the Find of the Year 2017. Thanks to all those who also submitted, additional finds that were not judged winners.

WMMI Upcoming Events Calendar

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| May 8 7pm | WMMI Speakers' Bureau Lecture, topic to be determined |
| May 19/20 | Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days |
| May 23 | Picnic-N-Planes (Academy Graduation and Thunderbirds flying) |
| Jun 12 | Introduction to Ore Microscopy |

Always check for detailed event info online at www.wmmi.org before going and don't forget your membership badge.

A Miner's Laugh

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. Arriving at the home of an old miner, it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked.

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



Mining Concerns from Around the Country

(In my attempt to keep our members aware of what is happening involving mining from around the country, I will run this little section each month and see how it goes. I am apt to put a little passion and some direct finger pointing in my reporting, for which I will offer no apology to anyone who may feel offended. I support responsible mining and responsible miners, period. It is what it is, and it is strictly my opinion, and that is that, like it or not.....jj)

Mining Company considers Bankruptcy Protection: Billings, Montana – A Colorado based coal company with mines in Montana and Wyoming is considering restructuring options, including filing for bankruptcy protection, after seeing demand drop and dealing with more than \$1 billion in debt. Westmoreland Coal Co. said in its annual report to



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shareholders and the Securities and Exchange Commission that it may seek bankruptcy protection from its creditors, or that an involuntary petition for bankruptcy could be filed against the company. “We’ve got some debt to restructure and something is going to happen,” said Jesse Noel, Westmoreland’s director of environmental and regulatory affairs. “I don’t know what’s going to happen. It could be one of a number of things>” Work at Westmoreland’s mines wouldn’t necessarily stop with a bankruptcy, just as it didn’t with other coal company bankruptcies in recent years including industry giants Arch Coal and Peabody Energy. Of greater concern would be Westmoreland’s ability to secure private reclamation bonds at a time when it’s financially stressed, Andy Roberts said, research director for global coal markets at consulting firm Wood Mackenzie. “Montana won’t allow them to mine without a bond, so there could be issues at the Rosebud Mine in that eventuality,” Roberts said, referring to a Westmoreland mine that provides fuel to southeastern Montana’s Coltrip power plant. However, he added that the company already has set aside more than \$200 million in bonds for reclamation work in Montana alone. Westmoreland’s heavy debt load is made worse by problems specific to some of its mines, such as in New Mexico, where the company bought the San Juan mine that serves a power plant that is looking to get out of coal earlier than expected, Roberts said. Meanwhile, the company’s mines in Canada must contend with government policies that aim to phase out coal. In all, the company has 14 mines and a power plant in the US and Canada.

Newmont Reopens Mines After Accident: Newmont Mining Corp. said it has resumed operations at its two gold mines in Ghana after six construction workers died in an accident on April 7, 2018. The workers of a contractor died after a tunnel roof collapsed at the Ahafo operation in central Ghana, the world’s biggest gold miner by value, based in Greenwood Village, Colorado, said in a statement on its web site. Two other workers were injured. Operations at the Ahafo mine were suspended. Newmont’s Akyem mine in southeast Ghana was also suspended “in solidarity” with staff at the Ahafo asset, Yaw Okyere, acting general manager for Ahafo, said Monday on Accra-based Joy FM. “The area will remain closed until an investigation is concluded,” he said. The mines in Ghana accounted for 14 percent of Newmont’s revenue for the year through December, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The country is the continent’s second largest gold producer.

Gold and Silver Bullion: State legislators in Alabama and Wyoming have overwhelmingly approved bills to restore sound, constitutional money. Those bills remove taxation from gold and silver bullion and reaffirm their status as legal tender in their respective states. That means that if you wanted to go pay your bills in gold dust, you would be able to do so. *(Who the hell wants to buy, sell or trade that make believe money they are calling bit coins and other make believe internet so called ‘Money’ anyway..?? Not me, that’s for sure....JJ)*

California SB 1222: California State Senator Jeff Stone (R-Riverside) introduced SB 1222, a bill that would amend the California Fish & Game Code and Water Code to allow some types of motorized equipment to be utilized in streams or rivers in California. Under California’s previous bill, SB 667, the expansive definition of a “vacuum or suction dredge” appeared to prohibit other mechanized or motorized equipment. This bill appears to allow equipment that does not use a nozzle or suction device. A highbanker fed with a shovel might be allowed with this change. It is not much of a fix, the bill still leaves it up to the State Water Resources Control Board to determine if a permit is needed and it has been nine years since suction gold dredgers were forced out of the water due to litigation. The ICMJ has been working on a more robust fix to the issue with Public Lands for the People. *(Maybe there is hope yet. It seems that a lot of the California cities and counties are trying to withdraw from the Governors declaration of ‘Sanctuary City’ status. In some situations, the people are leading the revolt and in others, republicans are starting to organize and protest...Perhaps the ‘Land of the Fruits and Nuts’ is beginning to change. I am not going to hold my breath yet, either way....JJ)*

Beginners Panning/sluicing Class

On Saturday, April 7, the Club hosted the annual spring Beginners panning/sluicing Class at Arapaho Bar on Clear Creek. There were twenty hardy souls who braved the uncertain looking weather and brought their pans all ready to get into the dirt. As the day proceeded, the weather cleared and turned out to be sunny and quite nice. Following a little history lesson, the attendees learned how and where to look for gold and the first hour of the class was spent learning a lot of the basics, some of which you can’t just learn anywhere. When it came time to finally get into the dirt supplied, they were more than ready. The key to panning is to learn a basic and simple technique. Once that is mastered, the opportunity exists to practice and improve. Everybody got to spend about an hour and a half panning and all the gold they found, they got to keep. The class continued until everyone had found some gold. Following the panning session, we moved into the water and they learned how to properly set up a sluice box. As we all know, a sluice box can move a lot more material



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than just using a gold pan. They all got to see up close and personal, just how it is done. We then cleaned up all the concentrates that they had been panning and a little extra as well. They all got a little of the gold laden black sands from the sluice cleanup. Following the class, each participant received a bag of sand containing a little gold and some practice aids to improve their panning skills. All in all, it was a great day to learn and hopefully, some of these folks will be joining up for future fun with the Club this coming summer. These classes are not possible without the Club members who donate their time to help put this event on and to help the attendees with the learning process. Many thanks to the following folks for all that they do: **Jack Meineke, Joe Fortunato, Bobby Manning, Andy Doll, Roger Schlenger, Steve Barrett and Frank Zahn.** Pres. Long did get a group photo (minus 5 folk who arrived too late for photo):



Prospecting Outing to Lake Gulch

Wow, we finally had some decent weather to do a full-fledged outing. We had to cancel the 21st due to a snowstorm but this weekend of the 28th was just great. This is a private lode claim and the owner has been gracious enough to allow us to dig the placer dirt with literally no recompense. The claim is usually dry with little to no running water most of the time so it is a case of just digging dirt and processing it elsewhere. We normally limit our diggers to no more than 12 buckets of material and we set up two high bankers on lower Clear Creek and run everyone's material who wants it run and then we give them all their concentrates to finish up at home. The gold is typical placer gold and can run from fines up to small pickers and even the occasional small nugget. We have had access to this property now for the last 7 years and it is a nice quiet place to be. It is our hope to run five or six outings here during this coming season. If you haven't been out to dig this one, you should do so. Pres. Long managed to get a few pictures of the fun. Photo 2 shows Steve Miller and Jack Meineke who managed to tally 2 small nuggets and one really nice picker along with a lot of fines/flour. Well done guys (*I was digging with them and of the 22 buckets we took out of this hole, they got the big stuff and I only got fines...but that is why we call it prospecting...JJ*).





The Gold Rush of 1859 by Maggie Magoffin

Many a tale is told, retold, embellished and preserved of events that took place during the Colorado gold rush of 1859. Just as the mine tailings throughout Gilpin County hold promises of undiscovered treasure, these tales hold historical treasures of their own. According to Robert L. Brown, author of Central City and Gilpin County Then and Now, the chaotic years in what is now Gilpin County began in the winter of 1858 when a fellow by the name of George Jackson discovered gold in now Idaho Springs. With nuggets in hand and the promise of more to be found, Jackson kept his own counsel, sat out the winter and waited for the spring thaws before venturing back into Clear Creek Canyon. In March 1859, Jackson returned to the canyon in search of more treasure. Running low on supplies, he made the mistake of purchasing his goods in Denver and paying for them with gold dust and nuggets. Word spread through Denver like wildfire with droves of people following Jackson back to his claim, and the gold rush was on. In late 1859, a crude, redheaded Georgian fellow by the name of John Gregory heard of Jackson's discovery and set off to find his own treasure. Upon reaching Clear Creek Canyon, rather than following Jackson's lead up the south fork of Clear Creek, Gregory followed the north fork and ended up above present day Black Hawk in what is now known as Processor Gulch. On May 6, 1859, Gregory struck gold in decomposing quartz and discovered the first lode gold in the territory. In a few short months, in what is now Central City, tents of early prospectors gave way to log cabin homes and stores. By August 1859, more than 300 buildings clung to the hillsides of the surrounding mountains. Among those buildings were an assayer's office, theater, bank and supply stores. What is now Black Hawk also grew into a thriving town and by the mid-1860's, the town had a church, school, meat market, candy store, post office and a number of saloons. From present day Nevadaville down the hill through Black Hawk, the place was abuzz with activity. Now you have the basic history of the Colorado Gold Rush. Many of you know most of the story. So why am I reiterating what you already know? I want the tales of the people. I want to hear from you readers with tales to tell, tales of your grandparents and great-grandparents that they passed down to you. I know there is a treasure trove of such tales circulating among families in this area and I want to hear them. Whether your stories are truthful or factual is not the basis for this column. There are plenty of great writers and resources available for those who want to learn the factual history of this area. I want the heartfelt, sometimes sad and sometimes funny, tales you heard on your grandpa's knee. One such tale I heard myself was that there was a time when Black Hawk and Central City shared a post office. As the tale went, during many a dark night, the men from Black Hawk would go up the hill and drag the little building down the hill to Black Hawk only to have it stolen back by the men from Central City. Now, that is a funny tale. I do not know if it is true or not, but it is funny..! *(This was one of the first of many stories Maggie collected concerning historical recounting some of the gold rush era that were printed in the Colorado Gambler over a period of years past.....JJ)*

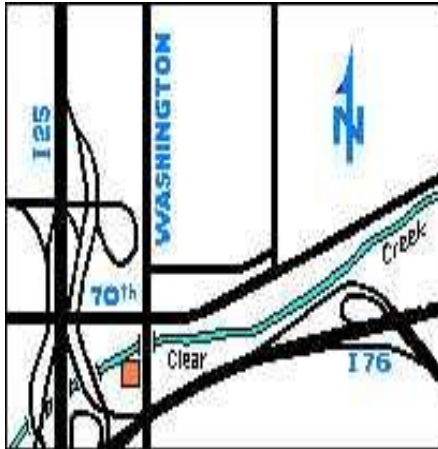


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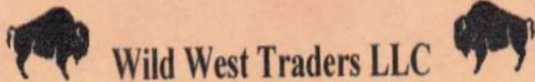


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