

THE GOLD NUGGET

June 2018

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



High water is now upon us. That means that for those of you who frequent Arapahoe Bar and lower Clear Creek will need to exercise maximum caution when venturing out in pursuit of gold. While it is possible in a few isolated locations, it is far too risky for the main part and I would recommend you take some time off until the water drops. You can still attend the prospecting outings which are not water dependent and a lot safer, or buy bags of gold from the Club Store to satisfy that golden urge.

Speaking of buying gold bags, I recently read a piece by a local prospector on an online forum concerning the buying of 'gold concentrates' on e-bay and various other outlets. In addition, he brought up a number of good points that should be considered before you spend that hard-earned money. First,

you have to understand the economics of buying gold. In 99% of all situations, the seller is looking to make a profit. If the seller is the one who found the gold, they may let it go at close to spot. That is the best way to get your gold. If the seller did not find it, but rather purchased it for resale, then he is looking to make a profit. This will result in a sale to you that are 'over spot'. The amount over spot is the question. Now many people out there are selling 'cold concentrates'. Some are definitely better than others. One way that some get return customers is by over filling an occasional bag and letting word of mouth drive future sales. That is called 'baiting'. Not every bag is filled that way. Let me explain. If someone is selling 5 pound bag for 40.00 and is advertising that it is very 'rich', you need to know a couple of things. First, what is the current price of gold? If it is 1300.00 an ounce, do the math. At that rate, a gram of gold will cost 41.80. If the seller is promising a certain amount to be in the bag, it is easy enough to check. You buy one. Pan it out, weigh it and see. If it is close to what they have promised, then things are great. If not, now you know. In a great many cases, it will not be as they promised. You have to go by word of mouth, reputation and other factors. Trust me on this when I say that word gets around when an unscrupulous seller is 'mining the miners'. There are a lot of 'baiters' out there so beware. A baiter will promise his material contains x amount when actually, about 70% (or higher) run considerably less than x amount. That is his profit margin. But he actually matches his advertised x amount in the 30% or fewer bags in order to get 'satisfied' customers or 'reviews', which many of them seek from you for advertising purposes. This way, they can 'bait' more buyers.

Understand that in practically all cases, the concentrates are salted. That is what you get. When you are buying concentrates, you have to choose for yourself what is acceptable for you. A few dealers out there make a habit of giving you an honest dollar's worth of gold in the product that you buy. I will tell you up front that of the Colorado vendors that I am personally aware of, you cannot go wrong when you buy from Gold Strike Adventures. Another is Gold Adventures LLC. Both of these sellers are reputable and very consistent and have exceptional customer service. Both are a good bet and your money stays in /Colorado.

There are a few dealers on eBay that sell gold for close to spot and you can find them if you take your time and keep your calculator handy. And understand that if the seller is promising 1 gram of gold for 60 or 70.00, then they are making at least 20 or 30 dollars profit just on your sale alone. Many of these businesses are built off the same model as the Lottery system. Again, they use the 'bait' to lure you in but you are not rewarded every time. However, there is always the chance that you can be rewarded and that is what keeps you coming back. The best way to invest is to buy placer gold at spot or as close to spot as you can. However, you have to beware of the internet (eBay) as there are some unscrupulous people out there so be very careful. When you find a legitimate dealer, you know that you are getting what you are paying for and the dealer knows he is going to have a satisfied return customer. Pay dirt, or gold concentrates, can be fun to buy and pan out, but in the long run, you will invariably spend more than the gold is actually worth and as long as you are ok with that, then you are good to go. When you buy from your Club Store, the Club makes only a couple of dollars profit. It is not our intent to 'mine' our own members, but to provide our members who cannot get out to the Creek to pan a little something that they can pan. And that isn't a bad thing at all!!

Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your endeavors, no matter what they may be! 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 “Joe Fortunato



Hello again folks, another month just flew by in a hurry. Tomorrow will be June 1, and I have been putting off writing this month’s V.P. Corner article for the past three days. I just could not come up with a subject for this month that got me stirred up enough to write about. I can usually find an interesting subject or idea in one of the gold prospecting, metal detecting, or treasure hunting adventures that I read about or watch. I believe that the problem is a case of the, “I haven’t got to go prospecting or metal detecting for a long time blues!!!” “Lately it just seems like something always pops up at the last minute, then the prospecting or detecting gets put on the back burner. Well at least I think that I have identified my problem that makes me feel better about my recent lack of enthusiasm. Now I just have to put on my big boy trousers, and get back in the swing of things. That helped. I feel better already, I guess I just needed a, self-administered, motivational boot in the backside!!! Actually, there is a light at the end of my prospecting and detecting tunnel. I’m thinking maybe three weeks into June should be the end of my prospecting and detecting drought. Three weeks seems to pass by quite fast in my life these days, so I am smiling even wider now !!! The trip will probably be just a one-day outing, but if things work out, I will be doing some panning and some detecting. That new gold detector that I got for Christmas is still in the box, unopened, looks like I will finally get to take it for a spin!!! The last time that I drove across the bridge at Washington St., the water was looking quite high in Clear Creek. It looks like the party could be over as far as Clear Creek is concerned for a while. If they start pulling a lot of water out of the creek to supply the ditches, that might bring the creek down and make it workable, but there just may be too much run-off volume to make that happen. Well, I guess if my ramblings haven’t put you to sleep yet, I had better quit while I am ahead. **MAY ALL YOUR ADVENTURES BE...GOLDEN!!!** Joe Fortunato. Comments or Questions Call or Text me 303-263-7204.

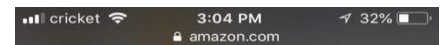
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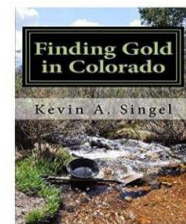
The **June Meeting** will feature a drawing for nine (9) gold nuggets of which the largest will be a 2.6-gram nugget. We now have a new ‘Special Nugget’ for give away, so be sure to purchase drawing tickets for it as well. Be sure to support your Club by buying as many nugget drawing and raffle tickets as you can afford. Remember, your odds of winning a nugget here are far better than your chances of winning the lottery.

Our New “Bible” is Finally Here!!!

Our very own Kevin Singel (*pictured in the article below with the Arapahoe bar Memorial Monument*) has finally finished and published his new book ‘Finding Gold in /Colorado’. The book was finally released during the last week of May and is now available on Amazon. This book features nearly 200 ‘dig’ locations throughout /Colorado that have been thoroughly researched and guaranteed for you to find gold. Naturally, some dig sites are better than others but Kevin does not tell you which are the best. That is for you to find for yourself, after all, if everybody knew where the best places were, they would be dug out and destroyed within a year in all likelihood. But the gold is there..!! And best of all, Kevin did his homework. You will not have any issues with knowing if you are on private property or not, if you need permits or not, how to get there and if you can camp or any of that stuff. Kevin tells you the straight skinny on it all. This book has been roughly 2 years in the making and in my opinion, will become the small scale mining ‘bible’ for the new and modern day small scale prospector. I have already secured my own copy and I can assure you that it is well worth the price. Well done Kevin!!!



Kevin Singel
Finding Gold in Colorado - Prospector's Edition: A guide to Colorado's casual gold prospecting, mining history and sightseeing



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Planned 2018 GPR Meeting Programs:

- June 20** Gold Trails, episode 13
- July 18** To be determined
- Aug 15** To be determined



Board Meeting Minutes From May 2018

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

Quorum Present: Yes.

Call to Order by: Pres. Long at 6:06 pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Corrections none Approved as read/corrected: yes.

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

Correspondence: 1 phone calls, 10 e-mails, 8 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits 151306 Hits for last 2 month 287.

Committee Reports: Pres. Long reports that the Club Facebook page has increased in likes nearly 200% since Christmas. All other Committees have nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business: We have a new special nugget and will commence sales tonight.

New Business: There was a correction from the April Minutes in which the book that had received negative reviews was actually titled 'Gold Panning Colorado' by Garrett Romaine.

Planned Outings for 2018:

- May 19 Sat Prospecting Outing #2, Lake Gulch, 9a (Rescheduled to May 26 due to weather forecast).
- June 16 Sat Rock Hounding Field Trip to Hartsel, Colorado for Blue Barite, meet at 9am..
- June 23 Sat Prospecting Outing #3 to Lake Gulch near Black Hawk, 9am.
- Jun 30/Jul 1 Sat/Sun Panning Demo for Georgetown Loop RR folks, 9:30am.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long discussed the April 28 Outing at Lake Gulch, which went very well with several small nuggets found.
- Clear Creek is beginning run-off so beware all who venture out. Stay safe!!

Additional Announcements: Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Next General Meeting: June 20, 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 6:40 pm.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In 1969, Lee Marvin and Clint Eastwood starred in a movie set in the California gold rush.

What is the **name of the movie??**

AND

What is the **name of the Mining Camp??**

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Joe Shubert (2015)

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Chris Kafka

Andy Doll

Brandon Luchtenburg

John Johnson

Bobby Manning

Mike Hurtado

Past President

Gary Hawley

General Meeting Minutes From May 2018

1. Meeting was opened at 7:04 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 1290.20, Silver 16.36, Platinum 890.00, Palladium 982.00, Rhodium 1935.00.
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 now have another 'Special Nugget' to raffle off so don't forget to buy these tickets as well. Also, be sure to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.8 grams.
6. **Dan McConnell** who over-see the Membership Table reported that we had 67 members in attendance. There were 6 guests present. The total meeting attendance was 73.



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7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was **"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 just 1 or 2 feet. What happens to the sand and gold??"**
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 # 3**'.
10. **Pres. Long** advised that there are still lots of items in the back at the **Club Store** so be sure to stop by during the break and see if there is anything there that you need. And we still have gold bags for sale. Many thanks to **Mike Hurtado** for filling in as we have no volunteer to run this section as yet.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that:
 - The Outings Schedule for 2018 is prepared and was mailed out with the Newsletter for April. The next event will be on May 17, a panning demo at the Aurora Water Festival for some 1500 plus kids.
 - A prospecting outing for May 19 was postponed until May 26 due to a horrible weather forecast.
 - A rock hounding field trip for blue barite will take place on June 16 in Hartsel, Colorado, and will be led by Don Bray, followed by another prospecting trip to Lake Gulch on June 23.
 - The water is up and in full run off at this time so beware when you are going out. There are places and ways to get it done but caution is the key word here. The search for gold is not worth your life.
 - 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.
 - CORRECTION: Last month Pres. Long discussed a new book that has just been published called "Finding Gold, Colorado". The correct title of that book should have stated "Gold Panning Colorado". I apologize for the misquote.
 - There was nothing additional of note added from the Floor.
12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:20 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, **"Gold will settle in front of the shelf and the sand will move over the top" !!** There were 19 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** – **Joe Johnston** with a Michigan state quarter that he found in a coin machine.
 - **Best Jewelry** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Best Mineral** – **Ian Duncanson** with some Grape Agate that he found in Green River, Utah, on a field trip.
 - **Best Artifact** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Best Bottle** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – There was no entry for this category this month.
 - **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 **Jonah Rudd, Brandon, Luchtenburg and Alanna Croak** 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



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up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.

18. The **June 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.

Finds of the Month May 2018

The finds of the Month for May were as follows:

Best Coin – **Joe Johnston** with a Michigan State quarter rejected in a coin changer.

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

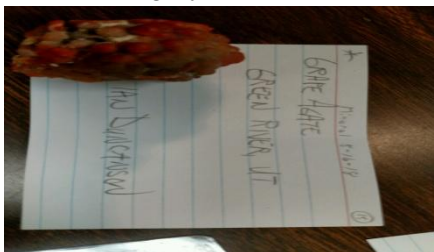
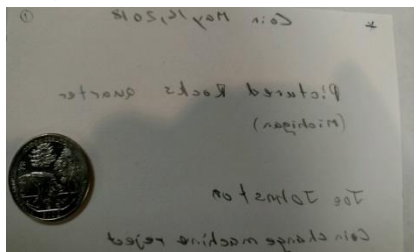
Best Mineral – **Ian Duncanson** with a sample of Grape Agate he found near Green River, Utah.

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

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

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

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

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 pastor concluded that his church was getting into very serious financial troubles. While checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new bibles that had never been opened and distributed. So at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise the desperately needed money for the church. Jack, Paul and old Louie all raised their hands to volunteer for the task. The minister knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some bibles. But he had serious doubts about Louie who was a local miner, who had always kept to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor Louie stuttered badly. But, not wanting to discourage Louie, the minister decided to let him try anyway. He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with bibles. He asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday. Anxious to find out how successful they were, the minister immediately asked Jack, "Well, Jack, how did you make out selling our bibles last week?" Proudly handing the reverend an envelope, Jack replied, "Using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 bibles, and here's the \$200 I collected on behalf of the church." "Fine job, Jack", the minister said, vigorously shaking his hand. "You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you." Turning to Paul, "And Paul, how many bibles did you sell





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for the church last week?" Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied "I am a professional salesman. I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected". The minister responded, "That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is indebted to you."

Apprehensively, the minister turned to old Louie and said, "And Louie, did you manage to sell any bibles last week?" Louie silently offered the minister a large envelope. The minister opened it and counted the contents. "What is this? Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week?" Louie just nodded. That's impossible!" both Jack and Paul said in unison. "We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many bibles as we could."

"Yes, this does seem unlikely", the minister agreed. "I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie." Louie shrugged. "I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure," he stammered.

Impatiently, Peter interrupted. "For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!" "A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was," Louis replied, "W-w-w-w-would y-y-y-you l-l-l-l-l-like t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible f-f-for t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks -----o-o-o-or----- wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just l-like m-m-me t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??"

(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)

This is What will Drive Gold Prices: According to Juan Carlos-Artigas, Director of Investment Research at the World Gold Council, over the long term, the main driver for gold prices is the expansion of wealth. "When you look at the gold market, and in particular try to understand the drivers of growth, over the long run, wealth and economic expansion are really, really important, and they drive fiscal demand," Artigas told Kitco News on the sidelines of the Mines & Metals Conference in New York. Artigas added that higher interest rates may not necessarily mean lower gold prices, as is the consensus amongst many analysts. "Historically, higher interest rates do not necessarily result in falling gold price, because interest rates would need to be really high in real terms, at least 2.5% real, for them to properly start creating pressure," he said. "Wealth and economic expansion often happen in rising rate environments, so you have that counter balance." *(This is why recent turbulence in the markets has not resulted in too much change in gold value recently. Normally, we would see gold rise when the market is down and fall when the market goes high but recent trends have been noticeably different...all very interesting...JJ)*

Foam Rubber Gold Fools Man who Burglarized Shop: In Grand Rapids, Michigan, fake promotional gold bars apparently looked so much like the real thing that somebody who broke into the 'Old to Gold Hardwood Floors' shop in town was fooled into thinking they were the real thing. Surveillance cameras captured footage of the man who was observed using a rock to break the window, around 2am, then running straight to the bars to put them into a bag, when he apparently realized the gold bars were fake. After looking around the store a couple of minutes, he left empty handed. *(as reported by the Associated Press)*

Environmental Groups Attempt to Reinstate Hard Rock Rule: The Idaho conservation League, Earthworks, Sierra Club and other environmental groups filed a petition on May 16 with the US Court of Appeals in Washington, DC, asking it to review last year's move to drop an Obama era rule that would have imposed another layer of financial assurance requirements on hard rock miners. Miners complained the rule was just another ploy by environmentalists groups to further damage the mining industry because existing state and federal laws already required reclamation plans and financial assurances. In December, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt agreed with the industry and quashed the Obama rule. "The EPA's decision not to impose unnecessary additional financial burdens on the hard rock industry was a step in the right direction that should and will be defended," said National Mining Association Senior Vice President Ashley Burke. EPA spokesman Michael Abboud said the agency does not comment on pending litigation. Hard rock mining companies would have faced a combined \$7.1 billion financial obligation under the Obama era rule according to an EPA analysis. Ironically, the EPA's breaching of the portal at the inactive Gold King mine in Colorado, which released an estimated three million gallons of contaminated water into rivers across three states, was cited as evidence of the need for the Obama era rule. *(from the June issue of the IMCJ)*



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Gold Sees Little Reaction to Disappointing US ADP Employment Data: (Kitco News) – Gold prices are holding around the critical psychological level of \$1300.00 an ounce as the private sector saw weak employment data from private payrolls processor ADP. Wednesday, ADP said that 178,000 jobs were created in May. The report significantly estimates as consensus forecasts were looking for gains of 191,000 jobs, Not only did May's data disappoint expectations but the previous month's data was revised lower to 163,000 jobs from the initial report of 204,000 jobs. However, gold has struggled to find momentum in the marketplace as it faces a surging US dollar. The latest employment data has had little impact on the yellow metal. June gold futures last traded at \$1299 an ounce, unchanged on the day.

Panning Demo at 25th Aurora Water Festival

On May 17, the Club performed a panning demo for the 25th annual Aurora Water Festival which was held at the Aurora Community College. The weather was perfect and there was a good turnout all around. There were 65 classes from various schools throughout the Aurora School district and they were expecting close to 1850 6th grade kids to attend. Now that is a lot of kids. I don't think they all made it to the panning booth but we sure did see a lot of them anyway you count. As you know, the Club provides its own gold for these demos and it is 'catch and release', of course. A lot of the kids are disappointed that they don't get to keep the gold they pan out and you can't blame them. But you can imagine how expensive it would be to provide some 250 colors (an average pan) to each kid. We would be broke in about 30 minutes. Still, the kids have a good time and there is a lot of picture taking. Many thanks to my six helpers, Jack Meineke, Frank Zahn, Carl Adams, Gordon and Yvonne Smith, and Erwin Kalesits for all their valuable help. Without our volunteers, these events would not be possible and the Club does make a few dollars for each one we put on. Pres. Long managed to get a couple of photos of the festivities.



Prospecting Outing at Lake Gulch #2

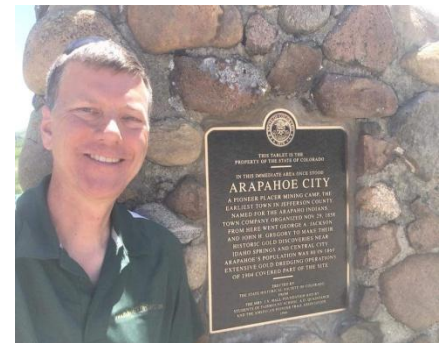
Due to weather concerns, we opted to postpone the May 19 Outing to Lake Gulch and reschedule it to May 26 which held better promise. And it was another good decision as the weather was perfect for digging for gold. Plenty of folk managed to make it up for the holiday weekend. The usual spots were quickly filled and the digging was furious. After lunch, everybody retired to lower Clear Creek to set up the high banker and run their material. We actually had a visit from a Ranger who viewed the operation and determined that all was in order (*as if there would be any question to begin with*). Jack Meineke was the Outing Leader and insured that everybody had a good time. He even got a few photos in between buckets.





Arapahoe Bar Memorial Plaque Replaced:

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, the repairs to the Arapahoe City Historical Marker were completed and the new plaque was permanently mounted. Keith Sorci, Special Projects Coordinator for Jefferson County reported that a great deal of effort was put into maintaining the integrity of the marker and preserving its originality. A number of entities were involved in this restoration process to include History Colorado, Molson Coors, The Jefferson County Historical Commission, Gold Strike Adventures, Masonry Services of Brighton, the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, the Jefferson County Justice Services Community Service Crews, and Kevin Singel of Silverthorne, Colorado. It should be noted that Kevin was instrumental in this project, donating funds for the repairs to the non-profit, Friends of Jefferson County Historical Commission. Don Finley, of Gold Strike Adventures deserves a lot of credit for spearheading the effort once the original marker was found to have been stolen and the site vandalized. The project actually took two years and all the cooperation and coordination of the aforementioned groups to make all of this happen. The fact that it was a historical marker required a ton of red tape to be negotiated in order to get it fixed. The marker is located up above Clear Creek at Arapahoe Bar on 44th Avenue south of the road just west of McIntyre. If you haven't been there to take a look at this marker, please take the time to do so. And thank **Don Finley and Kevin Single** when you next see them for all their fine efforts in preserving some of Colorado's history. Well done guys!!!



The Irishman and the Funeral and a Ghost Story

By Maggie Magoffin

A tale is told of a prospector from Ireland named Pat who attended a funeral in Black Hawk in 1860. By force of habit, the man picked up some of the dirt thrown from the new grave and examined the soil. Moments later, Pat arose from his knees and commenced staking a claim. Observing the prospector's actions, the minister concluded his prayer with "Stake me off a claim Pat, this we ask for Christ's sake, Amen"!

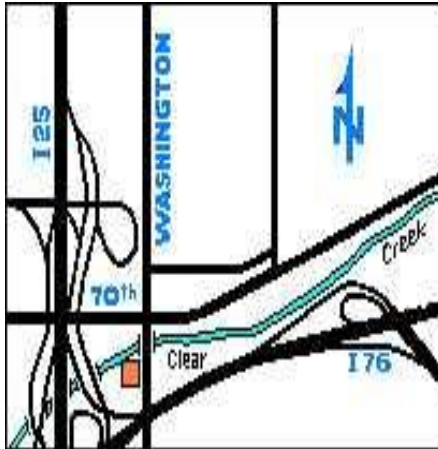
Bill was superintending the digging of a tunnel not far from the Bonanza Mine, and had in his employ a number of Cornishmen who were very superstitious. He also had a Missourian who was full of mischief, and continually joking these men about ghouls and ghosts. One day, the Cornishmen came out of the tunnel in excited haste, their eyes distended and limbs shaking like aspens. They declared that they would not go back, that there was something in there, a terrible awful white something. /bill told them that it was all nonsense and to follow him and he would get to the bottom of it. Bill led the shaking and trembling men back into the tunnel and when quite a distance in, he halted and raised up his light. In the dim distance, something white was moving. The men all pointed and claimed that the object was the source of their concern and that it was a ghost. They were terrified beyond belief. But Bill was not so sure and so he yelled at the object to come out of there but the object remained where it was. Bill shouted in exasperation that these men needed to get back to work and for the object to stop frightening them. But again, nothing happened but the up and down motion continued. Bill then drew his revolver and spoke to the object in lingual curiosities, for he was getting considerable mad, and told the object that he was through fooling around with it. Still nothing so /bill raised his revolver up to shoot. Suddenly, the Missourian boy came out laughing fit to burst and told /bill to hold on, that it was only an old white burro that he had put in there to give the Cornishmen a small fright.

(These were two more of the many stories Maggie collected concerning historical recounting of some of the gold rush era that were printed in the Colorado Gambler over a period of years past.....JJ)

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