

THE GOLD NUGGET

April 2019

2019 Membership Dues are now Past Due!!!**You may pay by cash, check, or credit card this year at the Registration Table.****You may also mail your payment (\$30/year):****Payable to GPR****Send to: PO Box 150096, Lakewood, Colo, 80215.****We appreciate your continued membership!!**

Volunteers Needed

The Club is in need of Volunteers to help work the GPAA Gold Show on April 13 and 14, both Sat. and Sunday. We have positions of Security, Ticket Taking, and other odd jobs that need to be filled. If you can volunteer your time, please contact Pres. Long, if you are not already signed up, at 303-452-6087. The Show will be held at the National Western Complex at 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, Colo. You will receive a lunch if you work. We will also be helping to set up the Show on Friday the 12th starting at 0900 am. If you can help with that also, just let us know.

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



Spring has sprung.....!!! I have shaken the winter woes and made good use of the warm weather following the 'Cyclone Blizzard of 19', as I am sure it will be known, and ventured to the creek in search of 'yaller gold'. The gold is still there and although it does tend to run pretty fine in lower Clear Creek, it is very plentiful. My first test pan ran 35 colors of the first two shovelfuls. And that, my friends, isn't all that bad. When I retested halfway through my digging, I was still running 25 plus colors per pan and when I was done digging, I ran another test pan that was still up there at 20 plus colors.

I ran into a couple of very good friends while on the creek and it was good to see them out playing in the water as well. They were also into the gold so that was all good. And I have heard from others in the Club that have been enjoying the turn of good weather and are out digging for their share of the gold. We have a number of events coming up in the next 30 days to include a Beginners Panning Class, the GPAA Gold Show, a gold panning demonstration and a prospecting outing. So it looks like we are going to shake off the doldrums of winter and get down and dirty with getting out there and getting it done.

Lately I have been amazed at how adaptable some of our local prospectors are with regard to how they approach the changing rules and regulations surrounding small scale mining across the state of Colorado. The new push as you are all aware has been to restrict us from our motorized equipment to non-motorized. While battery operated equipment is acceptable in the majority of locations and is now taking the larger stage, folks have been converting their dredges and high bankers to battery operated. There are some creative ways that are being implemented and the majority of them are finding ways to make it happen and still keep everything compact enough to get to the creeks and rivers without that much difficulty. A lot of the folks I hear from are switching to Gold Hog equipment, using dream mats now and running bigger pumps up into the 1800 to 2400 gpm range. There are many different ways of getting it done but there is a lot of focus right now on the types of combinations that I have just described. And they have been getting their fair share of the gold. Motorized equipment is still certainly usable but the locations where they are acceptable have been dwindling steadily over the last few years. I read with dismay that one of the sites in Kevin Singel's book, N-12 in Montrose County, has been closed to all prospecting period. It seems that the camp host there decided that they were too concerned that the miners would destroy the area. There was nothing the local folks or Kevin could do that would alleviate their concerns and it was closed accordingly. That is too bad and goes to show the kind of fight that we are in, not only here in Colorado but all across the country. This is one of the reasons it is important for us all to engage our local state representatives and let them know how you feel about small scale mining and help them to understand what it is we do and how we go about it. It is important to stress that we are protective of the environment and ecology and when done correctly and by certain rules and regulations, small scale mining is really low impact and responsible. It is also important to support organizations such as Public Lands for the People (PLP) and the American Mining Rights Association (AMRA) with donations or



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memberships. They fight for us little guys and for the rights that are ours by law. They are doing good things but your support will help them to do even more.

On that note, I expect to see some of the PLP and AMRA folks at the upcoming GPAA Gold show in on April 13 /14 here in Denver and catching up on some of what they are up to and how they are doing with the several fights that are ongoing. I am especially interested on the progress of the Small Miner's Act they are pushing in Washington.

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"



Another month is in the books and here we are again guys and gals. It is March 29th as I am writing this article. If my memory serves me right, we are one week away from our first gold panning class of this year, and two weeks away from the GPAA Gold Show. I just peeked outside before getting started and it's snowing here in Westminster at 9:50 pm. I heard on the radio earlier that we could get two to four inches by morning. I hope this weather clears up in a couple of days and we have blue skies and sunshine for our panning class on April 6th. You don't have to be a beginner to attend the

class. It's a good way to refresh your basic panning knowledge and skills by helping folks that are just getting started. Personally, I haven't had a gold pan in my hand for quite a while, so I am looking forward to getting back in the gold panning groove. The GPAA Gold Show will be in town on April 13th and 14th. I hope to see a lot of our members at the show, be sure to take advantage of those half price tickets available through the club before they are all gone!! It's a great opportunity to see and hear about a variety of prospecting and mining related products all under one roof. I always look forward to the speakers, you can learn a lot from these people in a short amount of time. They share tips and tricks that it would take years for us to learn on our own, it is time well spent. Another thing that I like about the gold show is bumping into people that I haven't seen or talked to in a year or two. It's great to catch up on what they have been doing, and another good source of information for possible future prospecting adventures. On another note, I was watching the Gold Rush show earlier this evening and it looks like Dave Turin will be back with his own mining operation this year. He might possibly be working in northern Nevada. If that happens, I will be very curious to see where his operation is located and what method or methods of recovery he uses. Water is scarce in that part of the country and that makes gold recovery a lot more difficult, dirty, and dusty. I guess we will find out where he sets up his operation in a couple of weeks or so, I hope he ends up in Nevada!!! Well, I guess that is about all that I have for now, hope to see you on the creek or at the gold show. 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 Joe Kafka



The April Meeting will feature a nine (9) nugget giveaway of which the largest nugget will be 2.6 grams. The Club remains in the black and members may request to see the financial report at any time which I have at my desk in the back. Hope to see you all there at the meeting!!

Board Meeting Minutes From Mar 2019

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

Quorum Present: Yes.

Call to Order by: Pres Long at 6:04 pm .

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

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



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Correspondence: 1 phone calls, 8 e-mails, 6 mailings.

Webmaster: Total Hits 153821 Hits for last 2 month 186.

Committee Reports: Pres. Long still working on 2019 Director's Books updates.

Unfinished Business: Purchased gold for the gold show and gold bags. Also purchased a new 'Special Nugget' for our next raffle.

New Business: Jeff Co Open Spaces has contacted us about a 'Cleanup Project' that they want to conduct on Sept. 26. We will reschedule our outing to the 21st.

Planned Outings for 2019: Outing Schedule completed and issued in Feb. Newsletter.

- Mar. 23 Sat. Mine Tour at Vic's Panning on Colo Hwy 119 at 10am.
- Apr. 6 Sat Beginners panning/sluicing Class at 42nd and Youngfield and Clear Creek at 9am.
- Apr. 13/14 Sat/Sun GPAA Gold Show, National Western Complex.
- Apr. 27 Sat Prospecting Outing in Blackhawk at 9am We will do a trash cleanup to start.

From the Board:

- Pres. Long discussed the Jeff Co Cleanup Project.
- GPAA called and changed their minds and will need lots of help to put the show on so we are back on.
- BM Bobby M. will have the business cards done shortly and also advised of the big Mineral and Gem show in Aurora same weekend as the Gold Show.
- BM Andy D. advised that the Domain fees will be due within the month. We will renew at 2 yrs for 37.00.
- BM Joe K. will be undergoing surgery on May 9 and May 14

Additional Announcements: Next Board Meeting: Apr. 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Next General Meeting: Apr. 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Tonight's general meeting program: We will be having a presentation by Kevin Single on the history of Finding Gold in Colorado.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:43pm

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Elvis Presley owned three cars manufactured by Stutz Motor Company, in which every part that is normally ?????? was converted to ?????... (need two answers)

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General Meeting Minutes From Mar 2019

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 presentation by **Kevin Single** on the **History of Finding Gold in Colorado**.
3. **Pres. Long** then gave the Metals Report: Gold 1312.40, Silver 15.45, Platinum 861.00, Palladium 1578.00, Rhodium 3060.00.
4. **Web hits** for last 2 months were approx. 456.
5. **Treasurer Joe Kafka** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. We will give away the 'Special Nugget' tonight so be sure to buy lots of tickets. Also, don't forget to buy tickets for tonight's 9 nuggets drawing, the largest being 2.4 grams.
6. **Dan McConnell** reported from the Membership Table that we had 67 members in attendance. There were 6 guests present. The total meeting attendance was 73.
7. **Pres. Long** read the 'Question of the Month', which was **"Who was the German born grandfather of the current US President, who originated the family fortune by running restaurants, hotels and brothels in the Klondike Gold Rush era??"** The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later.
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 2019. A



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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. Only finds found within the last 30 days may be submitted.

9. **Gordon Smith** announced the 'Cache Clue' # 3.
 10. **Pres. Long** advised that the Club Store had numerous items for sale. Be sure to drop by at the break and support your Club by buying something. We still maintain a supply of gold bags for sale as well.
 11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership that:
 - The 2019 Outing Schedule had been completed. The next Outings are as follow:
 - Mar. 23, Sat., Mine Tour at Vic's Panning on Colo Hwy. 119 at 10am.
 - Apr. 6, Sat., Beginners Panning/sluicing Class at Youngfield and Clear Creek at 9am.
 - Apr. 13/14. Sat/Sun, the GPAA Gold Show at the National Western Complex.
 - Apr. 27, Sat., Prospecting Outing at Blackhawk at 9am.
 - There was a reminder to be sure to vote on the Finds of the Month and to answer the Question of the Month during the break.
 - Members who check things out of the Club Library are reminded to return them promptly.
 - We are going to need a lot of volunteers to help with the Gold Show in April so please let Pres. Long know if you can help. We do have half price tickets for sale now.
 12. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:22 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:35 pm.
 13. **Pres. Long** announced the winners of the 'Question of the Month'. The answer was, "...**Freidrich Trump**"!! There were only 37 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** – **Dennis Perederin** with a gold Presidential Dollar he found metal detecting in Denver.
 - **Best Jewelry** – There was no entry in this category this month..
 - **Best Mineral** – **Jack Meineke** with samples of Agate and Jasper that he found near Quartzite, Arizona..
 - **Best Artifact** – **Angelina Yen** with a 12" drill bit she found metal detecting in Arvada.
 - **Best Bottle** – There was no entry in this category this month.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Mike Daniels** with .08 grams of gold he found in the Dolores River in SW Colorado.
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – There was no entry in this category this month
- *****Winners will now need to save their items for the Find of the Year to be held in November 2019.*****
15. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, Kevin Single 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 **Joe Kafka and Chuck Cown**.
 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 **Greg and Nancy Knerl** 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 April Meeting Program** will be a presentation not yet determined but sure to be entertaining as always. 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 9:04 pm.

The Club has half price entry tickets available to the GPAA Gold Show which will be on April 13, 14 at the National Western Complex at 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, Colo. You can purchase these tickets for \$5.00 here at the Club, which is half of what you will pay at the door. Contact Pres. Long or Treasurer Joe Kafka for your tickets now...don't wait to the last moment or they may be gone!!!



A Miner's Laugh

An old politician walks into a barbershop for a shave and a haircut. He tells the barber who is an old retired miner, that he is having trouble getting all of his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from old age. The barber reaches up and pulls a little ball out of a cup on the shelf and tells the politician to simply put the ball inside of his cheek to spread out the skin.



When he is finished, the politician looks at and feels the result and exclaims that this was the cleanest shave he has had in years, but then he asked the barber what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball. The old barber/miner looked him square in the eye and slowly drawled, 'Well then, you can just bring it back it back in a few days like everyone else does!!!'

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

The finds of the Month Mar 2019:

Best Coin – Dennis Perederin with a gold President Dollar he found while metal detecting in north Denver.

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

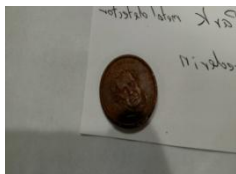
Best Mineral – Jack Meineke with some Agate and Jasper he found near Quartzite, Arizona.

Best Artifact – Angeline Yen with a 12" drill bit she found while metal detecting in Arvada.

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

Most Raw Gold – Mike Daniels with 0.08 grams of gold he found while prospecting the Dolores River in SW Colorado.

Largest Raw Gold – There was no entry in this category this month



Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the membership each month. We would like to know what everyone else is finding so don't be bashful. Winners each month will have their names published in the Newsletter. There are seven (7) categories to choose from when entering. Winners of the monthly judging will need to save and return with their winning find next November 2019, when the Finds of the Year will be judged. DON'T FORGET...SAVE THEM!!!!

Local Gold Mining News Notes:

Interestingly, there has been very little localized news in the last few months and suddenly, with the increase in gold prices, comes a flurry of gold news go figure!

3-2-19: Judge Refuses to Dismiss Suit Against EPA over Mine Waste Spill – A judge in Albuquerque has denied the US government's request to dismiss a lawsuit that New Mexico, Utah and the Navajo Indian Nation filed against the Environmental Protection Agency over a Colorado mine spill that polluted streams in three states. The lawsuit stems from the 2015 spill of some 3 million gallons of wastewater from the Gold King Mine in southwestern Colorado. An EPA crew triggered the spill when they inadvertently released more than 540 tons of heavy metals into the creek which flowed into the Animas River

3-5-19: Newmont Board Rejects Barrick Gold \$17.8 Billion Dollar Offer– Newmont Mining Corp. rejected Barrick Gold's \$17.8 billion dollar unsolicited takeover bid, a deal that would have created the world's largest gold producer. The board unanimously rejected the proposal, saying that it would not be better than Newmont's previously announced takeover of Goldcorp Inc., the Colorado based company said in a statement. Instead, Newmont submitted a joint venture proposal to Barrick that would encompass the two companies' Nevada operations. Newmont had raised serious doubts about Toronto based Barrick's proposal, a hostile all-share no-premium bid, from the day it was publicly announced on Feb. 25. Newmont had stated that the Barrick takeover attempt was both 'desperate' as well as 'bizarre'. "The combination with Goldcorp is significantly more accretive to Newmont's shareholders on all relevant metrics compared to Barrick's proposal, even when factoring in Barrick's own synergy estimates," according to Newmont CEO Gary



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Goldberg. Barrick indicated that they had no intention of raising the ante. The top end of the gold industry has been in a state of transformation for the last number of months. The leadership of Newmont and Barrick are currently involved in a running battle of words over who can do a better job of running a global portfolio. It is not likely that Barrick will ever manage to take over Newmont anytime soon.

3-5-19: One of Oldest US Coal Companies Emerging from Bankruptcy - One of the oldest coal companies in the US says it expects to emerge from bankruptcy in coming weeks after a judge approved a plan to sell more of its mining assets to creditors. Englewood based Westmoreland Coal Co. announced that its mines in Montana, New Mexico and Canada will continue to operate under new leadership. The company's Kemmerer Mine in Wyoming is being sold separately. Westmoreland filed for bankruptcy protection last October to deal with more than \$1.4 billion in debt. The move came after competition from natural gas and renewable energy sources drove down demand for coal over the past decade. Westmoreland is the fourth major coal company to file for bankruptcy in recent years, joining Peabody Energy Corp., Arch Coal and Alpha Natural Resources.

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)

Oregon Miners Petition US Supreme Court in *Bohmker v. Oregon*: Multiple states now assert the right to ban mining as a use of specified federal lands categorically, rather than provide a permit-based process for imposing reasonable environmental standards on federal mining operations", said attorney James Buchal in his Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed with the United States Supreme Court submitted on January 21. In *Bohmker vs State of Oregon*, the Miners argue the State of Oregon is thumbing its collective nose at federal preemption under the Property Clause and the Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution, Articles IV and VI, respectively. This case differs from *Rinehart v. State of California* in that Rinehart was cited for suction dredging without a permit, while Bohmker sued the State of Oregon for passing legislation that outlawed the use of motorized equipment on federal mining claims. The legislation permanently prevents a miner from developing his mining claim on federal lands. It should be noted that the Galice Mining District intervened in this case and is asserting their rights under the 1872 Mining Act. The 1872 Mining Act includes "...and according to the local customs or rules of miners in the several mining districts. It was hoped that Mr. Buchal would incorporate Mining District rights, as defined in the 1872 Mining Act, into the *Rinehart* case, but for whatever reason that did not happen. With *Bohmker v. State of Oregon*, this may be an opportunity to see if the US Supreme Court will honor this relevant statute in this case and see if the new make-up of the USSC justices are ready to take a hard look at federal preemption.

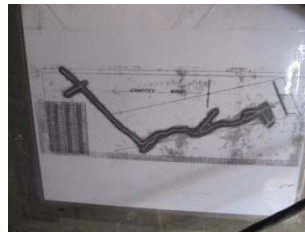
EPA Mishandling State Mining Cleanup According to Gold Company: In February, a gold company issued a statement saying that the US Environmental Protection Agency is mismanaging the Superfund cleanup of nearly 50 old mining sites in southwestern Colorado and should be removed as the agency in charge. Sunnyside Gold Corp., which owns mining property in the Bonita Peak Superfund District, made the complaint in a letter to the EPA. In a written statement, the EPA said it is following Superfund laws and is conducting a thorough investigation and cleanup. The exchange was the latest skirmish in a long running battle between Sunnyside and the EPA. EPA has targeted Sunnyside to help pay for the cleanup and the company has resisted, launching multiple challenges to the size and management of the project. Sunnyside says the EPA has a conflict of interest because the agency was in fact, responsible for a massive spill of polluted water in 2015 from the Gold King Mine, another site in the superfund district. As a result of the spill and the many lawsuits filed, the Bonita Superfund District was designated. The 'conflict of interest' is obvious says Sunnyside because the EPA's liability for the spill resulted in the Superfund listing and the EPA is a defendant in multiple legal actions. Sunnyside says that they have already spent more than \$30 million over 30 years cleaning up its property and has made measureable improvement to water quality already and that the EPA was targeting them unfairly. The EPA said that Sunnyside should help pay for the Superfund cleanup because its previous mining work contributed to a significant water quality problem in the area. The EPA said that it will continue to require the company to take actions to ensure that financial responsibility for cleanup is not shifted to the taxpayer.



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Tour of Chaffee Mine

Club members gathered on Saturday, March 23 at the Chaffee Mine on Colo. Hwy. 119 located at Vic's Panning, just south of Blackhawk, Colorado. The Mine is the property of Club member Jesse Peterson and Jesse provided the tour. This particular mine has been under Jesse's control since he bought the property, and it is an extremely old mine. There is obvious evidence of old Spanish workings which clearly indicate that the Spanish first dug it possibly as far back as 500 years ago. There is ample evidence that the Chinese had also been in the mine for some time as well, most probably back in the late 1800's. The mine tunnels extend a total of nearly a mile and a half into the mountain and there are various shafts and stopes throughout. Uniquely, the mine has a stable foot wall and hanging wall leaving very little need for shoring throughout the main parts of the mine. The primary ore is that of silver but there is gold as well as the general accompanying metals such as copper, lead, zinc and nickel. The silver is primarily carried in sulphides and chlorides and there are ample tellurides in some places as well. The tour lasted some two hours and Jesse demonstrated his amazing knowledge of hard rock mining and stressed many times how important it was to know your history, your geology and to learn about the many characteristics and properties of the many minerals and metals. He stated that he has learned a great deal through research and networking with other experienced and knowledgeable miners and that the key to his success was his ability to put all of that information into applicable practice. It was a fascinating tour and the many members in attendance were very appreciative not only the opportunity, but the time Jesse took to explain the history, the geology and the workings of his mine. Pres. Long managed to get a few photos as well.



A Glimpse into Colorado History

MARY CITY and SULPHIDE FLATS: These were two camps that erupted in the 1890's south of Eldora. Sulphide Flats, because of its location beside an attractive lake, was expected to outdo Eldora. A two story hotel was built along with some cabins, and other lavish plans were made. But the rush never came and the site quickly returned to nature. Mary City had a more practical founding but as ignoble an end. It grew up around an expensive stamp mill, built to handle the ore of Eldora and other nearby locations. But the mill was not adequately equipped and could not compete with the mills of Nederland. Mary City was soon empty and subsequently forgotten.

HESSIE, GRAND ISLAND and LOST LAKE CAMP: These were three one-time important camps beyond Eldora. Hessie, two miles west of Eldora where the north and south forks of Boulder Creek meet, was the largest of the camps. It once threatened to outdistance Eldora. There were some mining properties nearby, but the best mines were farther up Jasper Creek and around Lost Lake. Grand Island was three miles beyond Hessie on the north fork of Boulder Creek. The camp boomed for a short time during the nineties, but the nearby mining properties soon played out. Only a wee trace of its past activity marks the site. There were a number of fairly good mines around Lost Lake, southwest of Hessie. The camp had as many as two hundred people during the summer months. The top mines were the Lost Lake, Ma W., Shirley, Revenge and the Norway.

FOURTH OF JULY MINE: Do not confuse the Fourth of July camp grounds with the site of the Fourth of July Mine. The camp grounds, six and one half miles from Eldora, are at the end of the road. The mine is another two mile hike westward toward Arapaho Pass. There were many Indian trails in the mountains here. Some sources say that silver was found here by C.C. Alvord while traveling the old Arapaho Trail in May of 1875. Others say the discovery was made on July 4, 1872, thus giving the lode its name. The mine was worked primarily for silver at first, although some gold was contained in the ore. Some of the ore was good, but costs were high, and there was often a drainage problem. Twenty years later, when the mine was all but kaput, promoters launched an elaborate scheme to convince potential investors that the mine contained copper ore as rich as the famous Anaconda mines in Montana. Three million shares of one dollar stock were sold. Perhaps hundreds of people still have some of the stock hidden away. It is more valuable now, as a historical souvenir, than it was back then.



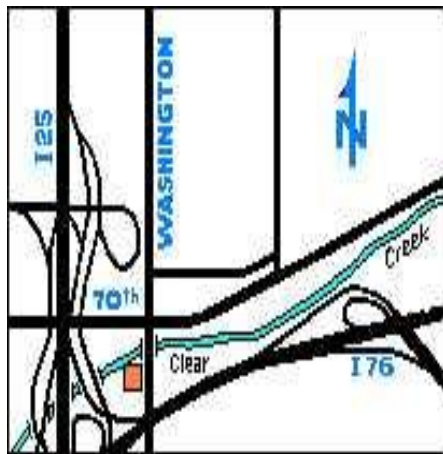
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ROLLINSVILLE: General John Q. Rollins was a prominent figure in the settlement and development of the Midwest and Rocky Mountains. He had widespread interest in mines and mills and was a town builder, road maker, stage line operator, and had interests in farming, lumber and other business enterprises. He was also an expert billiard player. Although he didn't allow gambling in Rollinsville, he himself won \$11,000 dollars in a Denver billiards match. Rollins improved upon the old army pass above here, naming it Rollins Pass, and ran it as a toll road. It was the first pass over the Continental Divide into Middle Park. Rollins believed everyone wishing to enter Middle Park would have to do so over his road. He laid out Rollinsville believing everyone would be obligated to pass through this junction and supply center. For several years, his theory held up. But eventually, Berthoud Pass was improved and Rollins Pass lessened in importance. Rollinsville thrived for several years. It was unique in that Rollins, who owned the townsite, didn't allow saloons, gambling, houses of ill repute nor dance halls within the city limits.

(To be continued next month)

(Excerpts taken from the 1968 printing of *The Guide to the Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps* by Perry Eberhar)

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