

THE GOLD NUGGET

Mar 2023

It's that time of year again for ANNUAL GPR membership renewal. More information will be forthcoming soon.

The Prez Sez! by **Bobby Manning**



I have been having a problem with my computer so I bought a new one and am in the process of trying to get everything reset and usable. Therefore, I haven't had time to do a message to the membership and for that I apologize. I should be up and running in time for next month. Until then, keep your pan up and fill it with GOLD! May your Pan stay shiny with GOLD! IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM PLEASE CALL ME.. Keep your pan up and fill it with GOLD! May your Pan stay shiny with GOLD!. (bobbyslawnsprinkler@gmail.com or 303-420-8830).

Vice President's Corner! by **Mike Stevens**



A few days of beautiful weather teases us into thinking spring is just around the corner, then the cold and snow returns to remind me it's not quite time to head out to the creek. Just like the weather, life is constantly changing. Last week I lost my dad. His dementia had gotten so bad that he had forgotten how to eat and his body slowly shut down. Certainly not the way anyone should go, but not the way he wanted to live either. I didn't always have the easiest of childhoods, but I like to focus on the good times we did have. Most of those times took place in the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing. So this spring as I spend more time outdoors digging dirt and running cons, I'll reflect on the good times I had with my dad and remember the joy of being outdoors. Golden Smiles for All!

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by **Joe Kafka**



We finally got a meeting together for the New Year. These winter storms have been a little rough. The Club remains in the black and members may request to see the financial report at any time which I have at my table in the back whenever you wish to see it. Hope to see you all at the next meeting in March where we will be giving away more gold nuggets, the largest of which may be close to 2 grams....!! Don't forget to buy your 'Special nugget tickets and your 50/50 tickets as well. See you all at our next meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes From Feb 2023

X	Bobby Manning	X	Andy Doll	X	Robert Ahr		Joe Johnson
X	Mike Stevens	X	Joe Kafka	X	Kevin Singel		
	Mike Hurtado	X	Gordon Smith		Roger Schlenger		

GPOTR Minutes from 15-February, 2023 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.

A quorum was in attendance although the turnout was light due to a snow storm

A brief report on web hits, phone calls and correspondence given by President Manning.

Since there was no meeting held in January due to bad weather, no reading/acceptance of the minutes took place. The same was true regarding the Treasurer's Report as there was only one new entry of a bank fee that happened during the month.

President Manning relayed that membership dues are being raised to \$40 annually for a family; this will be announced to the membership at tonight's meeting. Badges will remain at \$10 each at this time although the board may have to revise this as well as new badges will need to be ordered sometime this year. Board member Kevin Singel has volunteered a "scholarship" fund of \$100 so that current members having a hard time with the cost increase can come to him to cover the extra \$10 for 2023 dues. (This should go into the newsletter rather than announced at a general meeting)

The board moved to a closed session to discuss a sensitive matter involving a serious complaint against a board member.



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- To protect the board and all parties involved, no names will be published in the minutes. The known details are familiar to the board and the alleged incident did not occur at any sanctioned GPOTR event or venue. The members present were reminded by President Manning that there is a clause in our bylaws allowing for the removal of a member from the club without having to state a reason. A discussion on the need to change/update the code of ethics agreed to by members was raised. Any changes will be made to membership applications as soon as practical since the 2023 renewals are now due. The members present were all in agreement although no formal motion was put before the board tonight. No additional action regarding the informal complaint was deemed prudent at this time and the board went back to open session for the remainder of the meeting.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The first records of metal being used as money goes back to about 640BC. What were these coins made of???

2023 GPR Board of Directors Members

President

Bobby Manning

Vice President

Mike Stevens

Secretary/Treasurer

Joe Kafka

2 Year Board Members

Robert Ahr (2024)

Andy Doll (2024)

Gordon Smith (2024)

1 Year Board Members

Kevin Singel

Roger Schlenger

Vacant

Vacant

Past President

Joe Johnston

Next item: Purchasing of gold nuggets for future drawings

- The club is purchasing slightly over one ounce of nuggets from a club member
- President Manning has one other source for purchasing another small number of nuggets
- The club's normal suppliers have not had the size of nuggets we normally require so additional purchases will have to wait until later in the year
- President Manning purchased (24) .999 copper rounds with a prospector motif and (10) nickel-silver rounds commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Morgan Dollar. One of each of these rounds will be used to replace two nuggets in the monthly drawings. The purpose being that the club will go into the red this year if we continue to giveaway (9) nuggets each month.

Next order of business: Options for electronic, virtual board meetings

- President Manning experimented with conducting a Zoom meeting prior to this evening's meeting and technical problems prevented it from happening
- A brief discussion on the costs of having Zoom meetings with more than three people in attendance was held. Zoom requires payment of an annual fee of approximately \$150.
- Board member Gordon Smith volunteered to investigate alternatives that might be free or low-cost to the club and report back at the March meeting.

Next order of business: Club Outings

- The club would like to offer more things for members to participate in and a call for ideas was made
- We need to encourage the membership to let us know of activities they would like the club to offer
- What types of things are other clubs in the area doing?
- Board member Kevin Singel will assist on coming up with ideas
- Board member Robert Ahr suggested he would be willing to lead a monthly metal detecting outing during the week that might appeal to retired members or those with flexible schedules. It might begin as a breakfast get-together followed by a trip to a local park/playground, etc.

Copyright Issue

- A Demand Letter for \$1400 was received from Higbee & Associates law firm for alleged copyright infringement of a photo in our newsletter. A letter along this same line was received by the club in 2022 and determined to be a scam. Board member Gordon Smith will ask his wife to research Higbee & Associates like she did for the previous (scam) letter last year. No action will be taken until more information can be gathered.

No other new business needed to be brought before the board and Gordon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Robert Ahr and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



General Meeting Minutes From Feb 2023

1. **Meeting** was opened at 7:08pm by **Pres. Manning** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Manning** then announced the evening Program which was a slide show demonstrating some of the gold and silver processing and odd crystalline structures done at the company he works for. Very interesting stuff that he does.
3. **Pres. Manning** then gave the Metals Report: Gold 1832.00 Silver 21.02 Platinum 981.00 Palladium 1322.00 Rhodium 8730.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month was 163170.
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 have a 'Special Nugget' tonight so be sure to buy lots of tickets. It is a beautiful specimen.
6. **Robert Ahr and Shelly Zornes** from the Membership Table reported that we have 29 members in attendance. There was 1_ Guests Present tonight. The total meeting attendance was 30.
7. **Pres. Manning** read the 'Question of the Month', which was "...**In what month and year did gold first hit \$1000 an ounce..?** The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later during the evening program.
8. **Pres. Manning** 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, 2023. A reminder to all that their 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. **Bill Chapman** was unable to attend due to weather but forwarded his 'Cache Clue' # 3.
10. **Pres. Manning** 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 have some more of our gold bags as of tonight so be sure to buy your bags.
11. **Pres. Manning** informed the membership that the Outings schedule for 2023 is being determined and will be published soon. Announcements will also be made with the Newsletter postings.
12. 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
Additional items discussed included Bob Ahr who announced that he would host a metal detecting Outing on the first Wednesday of every month, weather permitting.
Pres. Manning discussed that with prices rising at nearly every turn, the Club would have to raise dues to \$40. He also briefly discussed an issue that had transpired between a couple of members that resulted in the BoD's having to readdress the By Laws to write a morals clause to prevent any future situations that would potentially discredit the Club. JJ Long advised that all future Panning Demos would start at \$300, regardless of the event.
13. **Pres. Manning** announced the break at 8:10 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:30 pm.
14. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners of the '**Question of the Month**'. The answer was, "... **April 2008...!** There were 23 winners who received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
15. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**' They were:
 - **Best Coin** – There was no find submitted for this category in February.
 - **Best Jewelry** – **Shellie Zornes** with a black onyx ring she found metal detecting in North Arvada.
 - **Best Mineral** – There was no find submitted for this category in February.
 - **Best Artifact** – There was no find submitted for this category in February.
 - **Best Bottle** – There was no find submitted for this category in February.
 - **Most Raw Gold** – **Kevin Singel** with 0.5 grams of gold he found on his claim in Silverthorne.
 - **Largest Raw Gold** – There was no find submitted for this category in February.
16. **Pres. Manning** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, JJ Long and Kevin Singel**, followed by the drawings for the numerous door prizes and gold nuggets.
17. **Pres. Manning** then conducted the **50/50 drawing** which was won by **Kris Kafka** who collected \$54.00.
18. **Pres. Manning** 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



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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 Cohn**.

19. **Pres. Manning** 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.

20. **Pres. Manning** thanked **Greg and Nancy Knerl** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Each 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.

21. **The March Meeting Program** is to be determined. Having nothing further at this time, remember to prospect safely.

22. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.**

A Miner's Laugh

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing

"We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Steve, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a pair of pliers from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement, announced, "21 feet," and walked away.

One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

Both engineers have since quit their engineering jobs and have been elected to Congress.

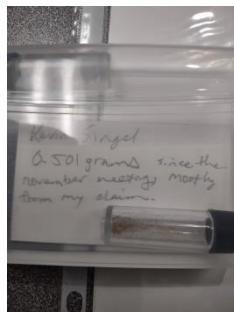
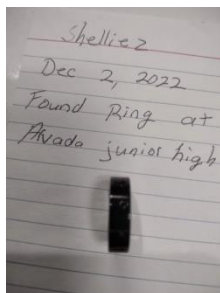
(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners')



The Finds of the Month Feb 2023:

There was no meeting in January so the Finds of the Month will accept in February, any find made since November 17, 2022.

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Remember that all gold must be dried and weighed. All monthly winners need save their entries for the November meeting when the Finds of the Month will be judged for the Finds of the Year. So be sure and save



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Does the Lure of Gold ever Fade? By JJ Long

I was lost in thought the other day, just thinking about prospecting and some of the adventures I have had over the last 30 or 35 years, and wondered if my love for chasing gold had begun to fade. It brought to mind the poem by Robert Service written so long ago and the famous line within it that read, "There's gold, and it's haunting and haunting; It's luring me on as of old; Yet it isn't the gold that I'm wanting So much as just finding the gold." And as I thought of the last 15 years or so and I recalled my first gold and then my first nugget (pictured), I realized that I too, had reached that point where the lure of having the gold had been long replaced by the thrill of just finding the gold. When I became President of the Club more than a decade ago, I think that is when my priorities changed. It became far more important to me to share that finding of the gold with the rest of the membership that listened to me stand up at the podium and talk to them each month. It was far more important to me to encourage others to experience the thrill of finding their gold, and to share my experience and knowledge with them in the hopes that they too, would feel the same thrill of the chase. I often worked as hard as anyone on many of our outings, but I took more and more time to help others, to point them in the right direction, show them how to read the ground and the rocks to find the pay layer. And more than once, I often shared my spot with others and let them dig in my holes. My sidekick and prospecting buddy for the last 20 plus years was my grandson. He was special in that he had a discerning eye for the unusual and that which wasn't seen by others or merely overlooked by others. It involved fossils, gemstones, arrowheads, all kinds of stuff most folks don't notice, including the presence of gold. That boy is a hard worker and he learned a lot from me as I learned from him and we learned a lot together. Often, we would argue about exactly where to dig and then discuss why each thought he was right. Rarely were we ever wrong and we always seemed to be on the gold whenever we were out and about. And as time marched on, I got a lot older and the buckets got a lot heavier and instead of walking 10 miles, I could manage only 5. He began working longer hours and different shifts and we just weren't getting out as much as we wanted. Then the wife suffered some medical setbacks that began eating up my time in caring for her and that took me pretty well out of the creeks and into the house. All of these things changed many of the things I was doing a lot of, and especially prospecting. I had to step down from my leadership role in the Club. In my younger days, I spent a lot of my off time out back packing all over Colorado and Wyoming. I helped to build many a mile with the Colorado Trail Foundation between Denver and Durango. I hunted and fished from New Mexico to Canada and even Alaska. I prospected all over Colorado and went to Alaska three times. I had my own boat, played a lot of golf and softball while supporting the wife and two kids while working full time in law enforcement. So I guess being a little tired can be expected. And when I am gone, my ashes will be spread across this great state that I have traveled so thoroughly. But, until then, the thrill is still there. When I see the shine of bright yellow in my pan, I always feel the thrill still. I have plenty of gold in my safe. I never got filthy rich with it. I never found the Mother Lode. And I can't buy a new truck with it either, at least I don't think I have quite that much. I remember back when I was just a little guy and my dad was chasing around Creede and Lake City during the early 1950's, staking Uranium claims here and there and using a Geiger counter (I still have his old machine to this day). I never really caught the 'fever' then and I never really caught it later on either. When I started getting interested in gold, it was only \$240 an ounce. Now it is pushing \$2000 an ounce again. I never really caught the fever, but I sure did feel that thrill when you find gold that has never been seen by any human before. It is more of a feeling of satisfaction than anything else, of taking your knowledge and skill and finding its hiding place and then bringing it into the sunlight after who knows how many eons of time passing. Gold is the only mineral on the planet that comes out of the ground a beautiful gleaming yellow for the most part. Rubies, diamonds, emeralds and all the other precious gems come out of the ground very dirty. You have to clean them and polish them and facet them before you can turn them into sparkling treasures or big money. That is why gold was the treasure of the Kings, because of its raw beauty. In another couple of years, I will be turning 80 and I really have no regrets. It has become fairly unimportant as to how much gold I have, but I am deeply satisfied with what I have found, and many of my close friends feel the same way about their gold. And with that said, I thought it might be good to include Robert's poem here for you to read again. The poem first appeared in a book authored by Service in 1907, though there are others that think it may well have been penned as far back as 1874 but never printed until 1907. Either way, there is much beauty and more than a little truth in his words and lines. It is almost like he was thinking of me at times when he penned these mighty thoughts. Robert's Yukon is my Colorado. Read and enjoy, as I have done!!





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The Spell of the Yukon

By Robert W. Service

I wanted the gold, and I sought it; I scabbled and mucked like a slave.

Was it famine or scurvy—I fought it; I hurled my youth into a grave.

I wanted the gold, and I got it Came out with a fortune last fall,

Yet somehow life's not what I thought it, And somehow the gold isn't all.

No! There's the land. (Have you seen it?) It's the cussedest land that I know,

From the big, dizzy mountains that screen it, To the deep, deathlike valleys below.

Some say God was tired when He made it; Some say it's a fine land to shun;

Maybe; but there's some as would trade it, For no land on earth—and I'm one.

You come to get rich (damned good reason); You feel like an exile at first;

You hate it like hell for a season, And then you are worse than the worst.

It grips you like some kinds of sinning; It twists you from foe to a friend;

It seems it's been since the beginning; It seems it will be to the end.

I've stood in some mighty-mouthed hollow, That's plumb-full of hush to the brim;

I've watched the big, husky sun wallow In crimson and gold, and grow dim,

Till the moon set the pearly peaks gleaming, And the stars tumbled out, neck and crop;

And I've thought that I surely was dreaming, With the peace o' the world piled on top.

The summer—no sweeter was ever; The sunshiny woods all athrill;

The grayling aleap in the river, The bighorn asleep on the hill.

The strong life that never knows harness; The wilds where the caribou call;

The freshness, the freedom, the farness O God! how I'm stuck on it all.

The winter! the brightness that blinds you, The white land locked tight as a drum,

The cold fear that follows and finds you, The silence that bludgeons you dumb.

The snows that are older than history, The woods where the weird shadows slant;

The stillness, the moonlight, the mystery, I've bade 'em good-by but I can't.

There's a land where the mountains are nameless, And the rivers all run God knows where;

There are lives that are erring and aimless, And deaths that just hang by a hair;

There are hardships that nobody reckons; There are valleys unpeopled and still;

There's a land—oh, it beckons and beckons, And I want to go back and I will.

They're making my money diminish; I'm sick of the taste of champagne.

Thank God! when I'm skinned to a finish I'll pike to the Yukon again.

I'll fight and you bet it's no sham-fight; It's hell! but I've been there before;

And it's better than this by a damsite So me for the Yukon once more.

There's gold, and it's haunting and haunting; It's luring me on as of old;

Yet it isn't the gold that I'm wanting So much as just finding the gold.

It's the great, big, broad land 'way up yonder, It's the forests where silence has lease;

It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder, It's the stillness that fills me with peace.



Estimated \$3 billion gold deposit found in North Washington

According to various news sources, the north Washington town of Republic may hold a gold deposit worth more than \$3 billion.

Canadian mining company Calibre Mining Corp reported finding a high-value gold deposit on company-owned land called "The Golden Eagle". The town of Republic, Wash. sits only three miles away.

"The first phase of this drill program confirms a robust mineral system with consistent gold grades over broad widths," said Darren Hall, President and Chief Executive Officer of Calibre.

Calibre conducted an initial drill and estimated a 2 million-ounce deposit might be underground. In current market value, an ounce of gold is worth more than \$1,800, and the deposit's estimated value could come out to more than \$3 billion before extraction costs.

"Golden Eagle is a meaningful contributor to the Company's overall mineral resource estimate with 2.0 million ounces in Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource, adding positively to our organic growth strategy," Hall said.

Republic is a historic mining town, but its last gold mine, Kinross' Buckhorn, closed in 2017. Its most active years were from 1898 to 1947, with the Mountain Lion Mine. According to Calibre, the Republic area has produced about 4 million ounces of gold over the past 130 years.

15 Places to Find Gold in the United States

from TheTravel.com

Gold is an excellent investment, but it can be hard to find. Luckily, there are some places in the US where gold can be found still today. Although the process may be long and tedious, there is still hope in getting this precious metal. So these are sine great places to find gold. JJ

California boasts several rivers and streams that contain gold. These include the American River, the San Gabriel River, and the Yuba River. In this state, it's possible to find gold by sifting through riverbeds and sandbars. This has made gold panning a popular activity. There are also a number of ghost towns in California that were once mining towns. Nowadays, these towns are abandoned, but they still offer a good chance of finding gold. One such example is Bodie, which is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



Georgia has a long history of gold mining. Prospectors can find gold in many areas of the state, but the most productive areas are typically in the northwestern part. Dukes Creek is a major gold mining location in Georgia. There are also many smaller mines and prospecting operations throughout the state. Georgia has a vast public land where travelers can pan for gold or metal detect for gold nuggets. Some of the best areas to look for gold are near streams and rivers, as well as in old mining districts. Visitors can find gold in the Chestatee, Etowah, and Tesnatee rivers.

Idaho boasts a number of recreational areas where prospectors can search for gold. One such location is Boise Basin. Historically, it is one of the most productive gold mining sites in the state. Today, there are still a number of small-scale miners operating in the Boise Basin. Another good place to look for gold in Idaho is in the Salmon River Mountains. This area is home to a number of large placer deposits. There are also several small-scale miners who operate in this area.

Montana is home to several mines rich in placer gold. It also harbors the world-famous Bannack Ghost Town, which is full of abandoned gold mines. Gold panning is a popular activity in Montana, and there are several entities that offer guided tours. These tours typically last a few hours, and participants can keep any gold they find. Montana is a great place for both beginner and experienced prospectors. The state's rich history makes it an interesting place to explore.

Having a long history of gold mining, **Nevada** is home to the famous Carlin Trend, one of the richest gold deposits in the world. There are a number of ways to prospect for gold in the state. Some people choose to pan for gold in rivers and streams. Others use metal detectors to search for nuggets in areas that have been known to produce gold in the past. There are also a number of commercial gold mines in Nevada that offer tours and opportunities for visitors to try their hand at panning or prospecting.

One of the best places to consider visiting in **Colorado** is the more mountainous western region of the state which is rich in gold, mostly obtained through lode and placer mining. There are many deposits to be found here, including one at



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Tarryall Creek. Other places to find small amounts of gold include Gilpin County, Teller County, and Summit County. Clear Creek, The South Platte River, the Arkansas River and the Delores Rover all contain good placer gold. **Our own Kevin Singel authored a book entitled 'Finding Gold in Colorado' which lists over 160 public access places for anyone to find gold.**

Potential gold prospectors won't find it easy in Alaska because the terrain is tough. If this doesn't sound like an acceptable scene, there are still some options available. Guided tours are offered by several entities. The tour guides will take travelers on trips throughout the difficult terrains. This includes hiking through pristine wilderness areas where both



recreational prospectors and adventurers can find gold.

The most popular mining districts in New Mexico include Elizabethtown Baldy, Hillsboro, and Pinos Altos. These areas are home to small-scale miners who use dry washers to extract placer gold from streams and creeks. The Bear Creek area is also a major source of placer gold. With its rich history and abundant resources, tourists are sure to strike it lucky if they head out in search of this precious metal in New Mexico.

If planning to visit Tennessee for a weekend, there's more to it than just visiting parks and sampling different foods. Gold is found here! Most panning occurs near Tellico Plains. Recreational prospecting is also popular, and there are plenty of opportunities for beginners. The best places for the activity include

Citico, Cane, and Tobe in Monroe County. Visitors can also find gold along the Tellico River. Overall, Tennessee is a great state for recreational prospectors due to the many areas where gold can be found, and there is a long history of mining in the state.

Gold mining in Oregon has been happening since 1852. The state offers excellent opportunities for recreational prospectors as well as professionals who want to make a living off of it. Areas worth visiting include Jackson County, parts of Coos, and Curry Counties. There's gold in Applegate River, along the Elk, Palmer Creeks, and Patti Creek. Towns like Bourne, Granite, and Susanville also provide plenty of places where tourists can find their own piece of American history when exploring their rich landscape.

The Reed Gold Mine in North Carolina was the first documented commercial gold find in the United States. This is where it all began in the country when Conrad Reed found a 17-pound yellow "rock" in 1799 on the family farm. For three years it was used as a rather bulky doorstep until a jeweler in 1802 realized it was in fact a large gold nugget. He asked John Reed to name his price and not realizing its value he sold it for \$3.50 (a week's income) - it was actually worth \$3,600. Today one can visit the Reed Gold Mine.

While the Yukon Territory is obviously part of Canada and not part of the United States, it deserves an honorable mention here. It was the scene of the Klondike Gold Rush where an estimated 100,000 prospectors flocked onto the far-flung territory. The stampede of prospectors has been immortalized in films and media and most went in vain (although a few struck it rich). The Yukon is a place everyone should visit.

Ontario gets on the list as it was the site of the Porcupine Gold Rush. It was a later gold rush that started in 1909 and peaked in 1911. It was considered the most successful of the North American gold rushes. The gold rush happened in the Canadian Shield in the Timmins area of Ontario. It peaked in the 1940s and 1950s and remains active today. The gold in the area is considered one of the largest in the world.

Ok, this is very far out of the United States, but New Zealand should also get a mention as it too saw parallel gold rushes that somewhat mirrored those of California and Canada's Yukon. Today one can discover the New Zealand heritage of the gold rushes by going on a heritage train trip in the Middle Earth lands of Central Otago. Alternatively, explore the Old Ghost Trail and explore New Zealand's other gold rush and ghost towns in the forests.

And we might as well add Australia while we are at it. Australia has plenty of gold as well and a lot of it can be found metal detecting on the surface. The discovery of gold in the 1850s started a series of rushes that transformed the Australian colonies. The first discoveries of payable gold were at Ophir in New South Wales and then at Ballarat and Bendigo Creek in Victoria. In 1851 gold-seekers from around the world began pouring into the colonies, changing the course of Australian history. The gold rushes greatly expanded Australia's population, boosted its economy, and led to the emergence of a new national identity.





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The truth of the matter is that gold occurs in each of the 50 states that make up the United States. It can also be found in Mexico and Canada as well as throughout South America. So if you are looking for gold, just open your eyes wherever you are and you just may find it.




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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 April Fool's Day
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5 Passover	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 TAX Day	19 GPR Club Meeting	20	21	22 Earth Day
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29