Survivor!

From a presentation by Jeff Hauser, Associate Administrator, McKee Medical Center, Loveland, Colorado

“We were blessed with a great and safe summit after many years of thinking about this goal,” says Jeff J. Hauser of Loveland, Colorado. Jeff and his two friends, Michael Black and Roger Byrom, survived the long trek and climb to the summit of Denali (Mt. McKinley) in Alaska in 2001 (see photo).

Yes, Jeff is a survivor—in more ways than one. He has survived not only the adversity of high mountain peaks, but an advanced stage of cancer as well. Jeff is in good company, too. He had the same cancer and doctors as Lance Armstrong who just won bicycling’s Tour de France for the fifth consecutive year. Because of this experience with cancer, Jeff started the “Denali Challenge” fund on behalf of Loveland’s McKee Cancer Center, a part of the McKee Medical Center of which Jeff is the Associate Administrator.

At our July 2003 general meeting, the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies were treated to Jeff’s wonderfully inspiring slide show and talk about both of his battles—the mountain and the disease. While the defeat of the mountain was difficult, the defeat of the disease, which included two surgeries and chemotherapy, was even more so.

Jeff told us that he and Roger were both 42 years old and Michael was 37 at the time of their

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Denali climb. Michael directed the Colorado Outward Bound’s Professional Training Division and Roger was, and still is, one of the principle partners in Addison, a marketing and communications company in New York City. All three men were in the top shape of their lives, knowing that when they attempted the self-supporting (no guides, no porters) Denali climb, that "tough beats strong" and that many climbing groups turn back at a mere 14,000 feet!

Denali tops out at 20,320 feet at the South Peak. The North Peak is slightly lower at 19,470 feet. Together, these peaks are called the Churchill Peaks. To give you an idea of the height from the base of the mountain to the summit, it is one and a half times the distance from the base to the summit of Mt. Evans! Denali is an Athabascan Indian name meaning "The High One." Denali is now the name recognized by the State of Alaska's Geographic Names Board for Mt. McKinley, North America’s highest mountain. The mountain was named for Senator William McKinley, who later became the 25th President. It also is located just 240 miles south of the Arctic Circle from where it picks up the freezing Arctic winds leaving just eight weeks of seasonal climbing from mid May to early July. Yet, the peak is still so popular, seventy percent of Denali climbers come from outside the United States! In 2001, Denali, which has some of the worst weather in the world, happened to have best weather ever recorded for climbing.

The three men did their shakedown climbing in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado’s worst weather. They didn’t need to acclimatize as they were going from mile-high Denver, to Anchorage, to Talkeetna, and then on to Denali. A major problem they knew they’d find at Denali, however, is that the actual elevation gain from the air strip at 7,200 feet on the Kalihita Glacier to the summit is greater than the elevation gain faced by Everest climbers. The size of the Denali massif also is greater than that of the highest mountain in the world. (Jeff had thought at one time to make T-shirts reading, "Skii Denali—3 inches of powder and 2,000 feet of base." ) Incidentally, if you are ever in Talkeetna, be sure to eat at the Roadhouse, the legendary restaurant whose portions are grizzly sized (a half-order completely covers a plate!). At the Denali National Park Cafe, Jeff and his team were asked about the design on their shirts (“Denali Challenge, McKee Cancer Center, 2001”), and the waiters all gave their day’s tips to the team as a donation to the fund! Before you leave Talkeetna, visit the cemetery’s Climbers Memorial to those who’ve lost their lives on Denali.

The National Park Service requires that each climbing expedition have a name for the climb of Denali. This team picked the name Commitment Squared (C2). C2 was airlifted to Kalithna Glacier, near the seventh largest ice field in the world, euphemistically referred to as "Kalihita International Airport." Their pilot was Kelly from McKinley Air Service (whose motto is ‘Two babas and a bird’). When Kelly was asked how many people you could fit in their plane, she replied, "Depends on how you pack ’em." It is well known that pilots don’t measure their ages in years but rather in how many plane crashes they’ve survived! Just before landing on the glacier, the plane dived through "One Shot Pass" with 150 feet of space to spare of each wing tip and flew over the airplane graveyard at the bottom of the pass.

The trek required two full-sized duffle bags just for their food. Breakfast, for instance, might consist of instant oatmeal, grits, or cream of wheat and hot chocolate laced with a large lump of butter. The men had to eat plenty of protein, as well as easily consumed carbohydrates (as found in power bars). The three men knew that the three watchwords of the Denali climb were calories, hydration, and respiration. Whereas a man in Denver might take in 2,000 calories per day, a climber has to take in 8,000 to 10,000 per day. Not only that, altitude and exertion require that they have a minimum of 10 to 12 hours sleep in every 24. Additionally, they had to drink more than the usual amounts of water—if they felt thirsty, they were already dehydrated. They also knew that they needed to be protected from the sun (they took along 50-rated sunblock). At those altitudes with the sun reflecting off the snow, a man could even badly sunburn the roof of his mouth as he gasped for air!

For the climb, each man carried a 75-pound pack and pulled a 45-pound sled from the airstrip at 7,200 feet up to a camp at 10,200 feet. Leaving a three-day load of supplies buried at the airstrip in case of inclement weather when they came down, the three ferried supplies up and then came back down for more. They did this for each camp and, in this way, actually climbed most of the mountain twice! They passed "commercial trips" headed back down with their cheap, overloaded sleds (called "pigs") which the people had dragged too high on the mountain.

Jeff, Michael, and Roger forced their way up the forbidding snow and ice covered Denali peak by way of the traditional West Buttress route. They climbed alongside glass ice through Windy Corner, normally torn by ventura-effect winds, but which was totally calm for them. Above their camp at 14,200 feet, they scaled the Headwall, whose slope was as steep as 40 degrees, using ascenders attached to fixed ropes maintained by the National Park Service. At above 17,200 feet, they passed the tragic site of a Korean climbing team’s demise, where eleven climbers lost their lives when they lost their footing and rolled to the bottom of a 6,000- to 7,000-foot chute named Rescue Gully, now remembered as The Orient Express. Often able to look back at triangular-shaped Mt. Foraker (17,400 feet) because of the clear weather, they continued up the Washburn Step, across the top of the Messner Couloir, along the partially rocky Summit Ridge, and finally managed the summit, where the trio celebrated for 20 minutes.

The mountain treats even the hardest of climbers in different ways. Roger suffered from the thin air, often having to rest. After completing the assault on the summit, the three were glissading down a couloir, a snow filled gully, to reach base camp more quickly. Michael, who had not removed the crampons from his boots, caught a spike and tumbled, breaking his leg in the fall. He made it down with two ski poles as crutches! For Jeff, ascending the highest peak in North America was an especially uplifting experience. At the summit of Denali, you can see 80 miles in every direction, but when you conquer the summit of Denali, you can see ahead to the rest of your life.

Jeff has given this talk nearly 100 times now, and has so far collected $40,000 in donations for the fight against cancer. After the talk, the GPR passed the hat and collected close to $200 to add to the “Denali Challenge” cancer fund!

Incidentally, Jeff took just 12 rolls of film on the trip (every bit of weight was at a premium), and the photographs are stunning. Be sure to check out the GPR website at www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com for more pictures of the Denali Challenge climb.

We thank Jeff for the talk—it was very inspiring! If you or anyone you know in other groups would like to see Jeff’s slideshow, please contact him at (970) 593-6045.
uses dowsing to locate suitable houses for his clients and to check out the condition of each house in advance. Dowsing also has been used to locate "healing" earth and minerals, the nearest good campsite, game, fish, and whether there are poisonous snakes in the area. One nurseryman uses dowsing to determine whether the plants are "happy" or needing nutrients, sunlight, water, etc.

Dowsing has often been used to locate buried treasure, usually by means of map dowsing. It is important to first determine whether the treasure is there now, because most treasures have been hidden and found long before people ever learn about it. For this reason, people often dowse and find an indication of treasure and then, assuming it is still there, dig and expend much heavy labor only to be disappointed when they find no treasure.

Some of the most satisfying uses of dowsing are the simplest. Many people enjoy the sweetest watermelon by dowsing which fruit is best at the supermarket. I have used it many times to determine which foods most honor my body and which nutritional supplements and dosages are best for me. I also use dowsing to choose the best route to travel when taking a long trip and many times I have avoided heavy traffic and accident areas using this approach. When teaching a class in Charleston a few years ago, my hostess took me to a local restaurant to eat. Although I love crab cakes, through dowsing I was guided not to order them that day. My hostess did order them and left the restaurant with food poisoning. Once someone develops his or her dowsing abilities there is no limit to how it can creatively be applied to simplify and assist in one’s life experience.

Next: "Dowsing - Almost All of Us Can Do It" (Article 6 of 6).

Our Club Trailer
By Ken Barker

As we said in last month’s newsletter, thanks to Nate Owens of UltraSIGNS for the great job painting the club's trailer used for our panning demonstrations. UltraSIGNS, located at 5035-B3 S. Kipling at Belleview in Littleton (720-981-0130), provides all kinds of signs, including banners, window and vehicle graphics, large format digital printing, real estate signs, political signs, magnetic signs, trade shows, ADA signs, and a whole lot more. Mention the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies and get 10% off your first order!

Need a map? Check out the UltraSIGNS website at www.ulterasigns.biz.

We wanted to show you the great job they did, so here’s a shot of the back of the trailer! Not much room this issue, so we’ll show you the side art work in our next newsletter!

Rear door of the GPR Demos Trailer

It is in men as in soils where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of.

—Jonathon Swift

We Get Letters

Hey Dick, good to hear from you. Yeah, you did such a great job on that July newsletter issue that we’ve decided up here that you should do our newsletter too - lol! Editor [from the Latin for slave labor].

It’s really close to the point where it’s getting to be too much for one person as we’re mailing out about 150 copies. I’m going to have to round up some sub-slaves!

Rick Mattingly, Newsletter Editor & Webmaster, RMPTH

On Ford Creek northwest of Saguache is perhaps the site of the most authentic ghost town to be found in the Colorado mountains. It will some day become the capital of the ghost town association, if and when one is formed. It was named Spook City.

—Al Look

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Just because you did not get rain does not mean the stream will not rise quickly. Keep alert and keep safe.

I thank all of you for the hospitality you showed our guest speaker, Jeff Houser. I received several comments about how interesting his presentation was and how beautiful the slide show was. I found his success at climbing Mt. Denali to be an inspiration. Add the fact that he survived cancer and the associated medical treatments before the climb makes his story even more exciting. I also appreciate your generosity when “the pan” was passed. Jill Eads will report how much was collected for McKee Medical Center where Jeff is the Associate Administrator.

Kathy and I had the pleasure of seeing the panning demos at Central City’s Rhubarb Festival and at Buffalo Bill Days in Golden. Kathy enjoyed making her “prairie dress” for the demonstrations and for the occasion. She also enjoys watching the young “prospects” learn how to pan for gold. Ken Barker has several more panning demos lined up and needs volunteers to help out.

Incidentally, several of us have decided to continue wearing “period dress” for the demos. It adds a touch of the old mining days and we have received several positive comments about our “garb.” Ken and I have determined that we need a Native American lady, a bar-keep, and a preacher to add to our panning community. Of course, you do not have to “dress up” to help out at a panning demo. The most important thing is to enjoy the activity and help your club while educating the public about our hobby.

We have several events, tours and outings planned for the remainder of the year. Look for the GPR Events Calendar in this issue of The Gold Nugget and make plans to attend the activity of your choice.

Special thanks go to Carl Sauerland for all the work he has done in the past with publication of our newsletter. I understand that Carl has many trips and vacations planned so he will not be able to continue with the newsletter. Thanks to Dick Oakes for taking over as Editor of The Gold Nugget. And yes, Dick was duly “appointed and pointed” to the position. Be sure to check out our club website at www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com to see another talent that Dick brings to the club.

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

Ground Signals and Their Effects

by Ken Oyler, Metal Detecting Coordinator

"All that glitters is not gold," nor do all the sounds your detector makes indicate gold. To be more efficient you must understand the various noises your detector produces.

The signals your detector makes fall into two basic categories: "Real" signals, and "False" signals. "Real" signals are those produced by actual targets. "False" signals are produced by "ground effect," that is, the detector reacting to one or more extreme soil conditions, which include variations in soil conditions, uneven ground, or incorrect detector tuning. Generally, when you pass the searchcoil over the ground, if the signal produced sputters, wavers, or wanders (is not consistent over the same spot), then it is probably a false signal, caused by ground effect. A signal that is consistently repeatable as the searchcoil is swept over the same spot, and from different directions is probably a "real" signal, produced by a target.

If your detector is not precisely ground balanced to ignore the mineralization, then the detector will react to that mineralization, which causes a wide range of false signals. The cure for this is to keep your detector properly tuned and balanced.

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Annual Club Barbeque at Dolly Varden Ranch Aug. 23-24
by Shawn & Pinie Conell

This year's annual club outing, according to coordinators Shawn & Pinie Conell, is sure to be another good one as it will be held yet again at the brothers Dale and Gale Herbertson's Dolly Varden Ranch just northwest of Alma, Colorado. The ranch is complete with the somewhat rustic Dolly Varden Lodge, in which there are a few rooms available for you to rent, and it is not difficult to locate (see map and driving directions below). For those who don't want to camp locally, you had better get lodging reservations in Fairplay. Some members will be departing Friday morning to get things set up for us at the Lodge. For your comfort and convenience, outside there are three portable potties.

Dredging, highbanking, sluicing, and panning are all allowed. Material from the Sweet Home Mine for rhodochrosite collecting also will be available. If enough people are interested, the Herbertsons are willing to conduct a tour of the Dolly Varden Mine. Also of interest, you can find examples of some of the oldest living trees in the world here: the Bristlecone Pine.

We will have access to approximately 750 acres in the area. The adventurous members may like to get together for a hike up the mountain to explore the tailing piles left from the days when this area was mined for gold and silver. There are some quartz tailings that contain veins of gold if you are fortunate enough to find one. Bring your metal detector, too. There is some gold found in the river in front of the property but one has to pan enough material to find good color. As usual, sample different locations up and down the river and do your panning where you find the best color. If you bring a sluice, you can work more material and rest a little between shovels full as the water take its course.

The Potluck Dinner (let's repeat that--the Pot l u c k Dinner), is scheduled for Saturday evening. There is a six-foot diameter barbecue available, which needs 10 large bags of charcoal to operate (and possibly a match, although spontaneous combustion might happen with this much coal under the hot sun!). For other meals, the South Park Bar in Alma features lunches and dinners (good food, too, according to Dale). At this writing, building cooking fires is okay, but only if they are contained in fire rings (this may change, however, depending on the local fire danger). Please be very careful in this area, especially if you smoke or decide to light a fire. Be sure to have a water container nearby, just in case.

Members are asked to bring tables and chairs that can be used by others at this event as it is rather difficult to have one member rent everything, drag it up to the mountains, and then return it all after the event.

IMPORTANT: On arrival, everyone must sign the release of liability form in order to be on the property.

For additional information, call Shawn & Pinie at (303) 286-3756 or Dale at (303) 922-4743.

Driving Directions

• From Denver on I-70 West, take Frisco exit south (Highway 9) through Breckenridge, over Hoosier Pass to Park County Road 6. Turn right and proceed approximately 1 mile. Dolly Varden Ranch is on the left side of the road.

• From Highway 285 West (Hampden Ave.), turn north on Highway 9 at Fairplay, approximately 6.5 miles. Take the first left turn after the town of Alma on County Road 6, proceed approximately 1 mile. Dolly Varden Ranch is on the left side of the road.

Rules and Regulations

• Diagonal parking off the driveway will allow for easy in/out of vehicles.

• RVs/Campers may choose any flat area off the main driveway or the property to the north with the green metal entrance gate.

• Three outhouses are available on the property. There is limited access to bathrooms in the lodge because of septic system limitations.

• Paddle boats and fishing is allowed in the pond. Any children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. You must provide your own life jacket.

• Limited refrigerator space is available for storage of foods for the group picnic.

• Liability waivers must be signed upon arrival.
This month, the Rocky Mountain Prospecting & Treasure Hunting club is once more heading to the historic South Pass Mining District of Wyoming to seek gold and relics over a three-day weekend—Friday through Sunday, August 8 through 10 and members of the GPR are invited! Many folks will be heading up early on Thursday. Camping is no problem whatsoever in this area as there are two developed BLM campgrounds situated along the Atlantic City access road immediately below State Highway 28 and most people will be camping there. In addition, you also may camp anywhere on the extensive BLM lands in the area. The upper area is beautiful, covered with pines and aspen groves (see the map).

The nearest motel accommodations are in Lander, which is approximately 30 miles east on Highway 28. Just about anything you need may be found in Lander. Note that there are only limited gas and food facilities available in Atlantic City. Travel time from Denver is about seven hours.

Directions: north on Highway 287 to Laramie; I-80 west to Rawlins; north on Highway 287 again all the way to the south side of Lander; west on State Highway 28 to the Atlantic City access road (see the attached map for this leg). On Friday, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to the BLM campground on the Atlantic City road for a group gold outing. This activity will involve panning or sluicing (no dredging), plus nugget shooting, if you wish. Bring plenty of water to drink and a lunch, as most of us will be out till dinner time.

On Saturday morning, 8:30 a.m. sharp, we will meet at the parking area of the Atlantic City Iron Ore Mine overlook on the north side of Highway 28 about 1 1/2 miles east of the Atlantic City access road intersection (back toward Lander). Dan Hausel, of the Wyoming Geological Survey, will lead us on a caravan tour of the historic South Pass gold mines. This year Dan also is expanding the tour by adding a new area that most of us have never seen. We will be heading east from South Pass on the historic freight road to visit another little-known old mining area, the Rattlesnake District. This will be a long day so definitely bring lunch and plenty of water, and be sure to dress appropriately. Oh, and remember to bring your camera. Vehicle pooling will definitely be appropriate to cut down on the caravan dust, so do your best to buddy up.

Dan Hausel spent six years in the field mapping this South Pass mining district. In the process, he also opened many of the old gold mines and mapped their interiors. The result of Dan's labors were published by the Wyoming Geologic Survey and are the premier sources of information for the district. The maps involved are incredibly detailed. The information may be found in Publication Information Circular #23 ($4.50) and Report of Investigation #44 with maps ($22.00). To obtain your own copies of these publications mail or phone your order for them to: Wyoming Geologic Survey, P.O. Box 3008, Laramie, WY 82071. Phone: (307) 766-2286.

On Sunday, everyone is on his own to go back and hit some of the locations we visited on Saturday. Hey, the gold and relics are there; it's our job to find them! Also, while in the area, do not miss a tour of the historic gold mining town of South Pass, which has been beautifully restored by the State. This is really a step back in time. The South Pass town site is situated just a few miles west of Atlantic City.

See you at the Pass!
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If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then and then to make sure it's still there. --Will Rogers
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All GPR meeting programs and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club-related prospecting events are included for your information. Members attending any trip activities will be asked to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people and to contact attendees in the event of any changes, cancellations, or rescheduling.

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### The Q&A

**By Norma Dorn, Q&A Coordinator**

The Question for July was:

Q: "What small community was said to be between Nevadaville and Central City?"

A: "Incidentally, at one time a small community called Dogtown existed along the road between Nevadaville and Central City." *Central City and Gilpin County: Then and Now*. Robert Brown, Caxton Printers, 1994, pp 117.

The Question for August is:

Q: "In 1991, several scenes for the Perry Mason show, "The Case of the Glass Coffin," were taped in what towns in our Colorado mountains. One town involved one of the old mines."

Members who submit answers at the August meeting will receive a red ticket for the nugget drawings for each correct town named.

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### May We Have 5 Seconds Please?

**By Dick Oakes, Membership Chairperson**

At the July meeting, Pat Kime asked, "Why do we have to initial the member list? Good question, Pat. There are actually several reasons.

Firstly, it protects members where insurance is concerned. Let's assume a member or guest arrives at a meeting, doesn't "sign in," goes to wash his hands, slips, falls, hurts an ankle, and feels bad enough to immediately limp home. The next day, he goes to the emergency room only to find the ankle is broken. How does the insurance company know the member or guest was even at the meeting? Could, for example, someone hurt himself at home and, if we don't keep an attendance record, claim to have hurt himself at the Center? By initializing the member list, everyone involved would know the member had at least been at the Center, should the question arise!

Secondly, when a member initializes the list, she can check to make sure all her contact information shown is correct--wouldn't want her to miss the next great issue of *The Gold Nugget*, now, would ya?

Thirdly, a member can tell from the list if his membership has expired and should be renewed (hey, he doesn't want to miss that newsletter, right?). So, members, please take the four seconds to look up your name at the membership table and take the additional second to scribe your initials next to your name. You could be glad you did!

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When eight bandits of the Reynolds gang left Fairplay in the 1880s, they planned to rob the state treasury but were met by a posse before reaching Denver. After a battle, one bandit's head was displayed on a pole, five were shot at sunrise, and the rest escaped into New Mexico. They are supposed to have left a buried treasure valued at from $400 to $100,000. Many people have searched, but "no catch." -- Al Look
Gold Nuggets: Gary Hawley. To be supplied by Ken Oyler.

New Business

Request for monies to purchase new name tags. Dick Oakes. The Board approved up to $500. Money to be available in October.

Request to charge $10.00 for replacement/additional name tags. Dick Oakes. The Board approved the request.

Proposal to have a special end-of-meeting drawing for members who wear their name tags to the meeting. Dick Oakes. The Board approved the proposal. Procedures to be worked out.

Proposal for a fiscal-year membership fees due schedule. Dick Oakes. Tabled for further clarification at the August meeting.

Planned Outings

August 9: South Pass/Tin Cup, Wyoming Mining Districts Tour.

August 23-24: Annual Club Outing and Barbecue at Alma.

Announcements

Next board meeting: July 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Tonight’s general meeting program: Jeff Hauser giving a slide presentation of his recent climb of Alaska’s Mount Denali.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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**Drawing Winners**

By Jill Eads

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(Nugget donated by Ken Oyler)

Gold nugget sample card

Shawn Conell

(Nugget card donated by Randy Solomon)

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**Find of the Month/Year**

by Doug Taylor

Randy Solomon and Larry Weilnau entered the Find of the Month/Year for July. Larry brought in a jar filled with coins and gold nuggets he found while attending a Eureka! Treasure Hunter’s Club hunt. Randy entered an old bottle he uncovered while excavating on his property. Larry used an MXT locator to find his treasure and Randy used a backhoe. When the toothpick votes were added up, Larry won two Gold drawing tickets for the Find of the Month. Thanks Larry and Randy for bringing in your finds to share with all of us. Remember, club members receive two Gold drawing tickets for bringing in and entering a find and if they win Find of the Month receive two more tickets for a chance at the big nuggets. Hope to see a lot more uncovered treasure show up now that the snow is gone and the rivers are low. Happy Hunting.
Next I'll discuss "Signals Produced by Metallic Targets."
Believe it or not, you can find oysters in Colorado at 10,000 feet in the Rocky Mountains--two miles above salt water and 1,000 miles from any coast. Of course, they are rock, and from 60 to 100 million years old!

--Al Look

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Food for Thought
by Kathy Hawley
Thanks to Shawn & Pine Conell for handling the refreshments for our July meeting.
The refreshments for our August meeting will be handled by Kathy Hawley (hey, that’s me!).
We have volunteers for September and October and someone for 1/2 of November. So, we need someone to help with the other half of November.
Please see me to sign up to handle refreshments! Thanks!
Kathy Hawley, Refreshments Coordinator

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I’ll show you A-flat minor.
Camping From the Web
by Rick Miska, goldhunter@angelfire.com

At the July club meeting, Ken Barker asked for volunteers for the various panning demonstrations that he has the club scheduled to do. Being a single parent of two rather rambunctious little girls, I don't always have the time I would like to be able to help out.

My daughters had been bugging me to take them camping but Ken needed volunteers for the panning demonstration for Central City's Rhubarb Festival. I wanted to do both but was not sure how. Then I got to thinking, "What if I camped up near Central City somewhere and came into town for panning one of the two days?" I couldn't find my campsite guide for Colorado, so I decided to get on my trusty old computer, and see what I could find out on the World Wide Web. I wanted find information on campsites near Central City to which I could take my kids. In my search, I came across the Reserve America website.

They have information on State and Federal campsites all over the USA. They handle the reservations for the campsites, have information about all of them, and much, much more. You can do a search by state, by desired time, by availability, or any combination thereof.

We ended up staying at the Columbine Campground. It's about two miles beyond the graveyards above Central City so it was a quick trip into town for the panning demo. They had bathrooms (great for little girls who don't like taking care of business in the woods), water, trash dumpsters, fire pits, and even wood bundles that you could buy for $6 a bundle (in case you didn't bring your own). Jim, the host, was a very cordial guy. He keeps the campground and its restrooms are very, very clean. The only thing that may be on the downside for some of you is that there is a "trailhead" leading to several hundred miles of ATV/motorcycle trails in the area so there is a lot of that traffic and noise in the area. That didn't bother me but I thought I should let you know about it.

So, if you want to go prospecting in a specific area, you first might stop by the Reserve America website to check on facilities in that area. Point your browser to http://www.reserveamerica.com.

Not All That Glitters Is Gold

All that glisters is not gold.
---William Shakespeare, "The Merchant of Venice"
All that is gold does not glitter.
---J. R. R. Tolkien, "The Fellowship of the Ring"
Do not hold as gold all that shines as gold.
---Alain de Lille, "Parabolae"
Hyt is not al golde that glareth
---Geoffrey Chaucer, "Canterbury Tales"
All is not gold that gisteneth.
---Thomas Middleton, "A Fair Quarrel"
All that glitters is not gold.
---Mark Twain, "Roughing It"
Gold all is not that doth golden seem.
---Edmund Spenser, "The Faerie Queen"
All is not golde that outward sheweth bright.
---John Lydgate, "On the Mutability of Human Affair"
Non omne quod nitet aurum est.
---Latin Proverb