



The Gold Nugget

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Al Mosch to be GPR Featured Speaker in June

Phoenix Gold Mine Owner to Talk About "Turning Rocks to Gold"

By Dick Oakes

The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

Greetings to all Gold Prospectors of the Rockies members!



Gold prospecting time! The weather has reached a temperature that is just right for prospecting. We sometimes get those afternoon thunderstorms that produce lightning so you still have to be aware of the weather.

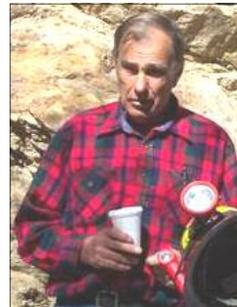
We just had our 2nd annual metal detecting hunt up Clear Creek Canyon thanks to the efforts of **Shawn & Pinie Conell** and **Joe Johnston**. There was a great turnout of members. Thanks to **Dick & Carol Oakes** for bringing the donuts. **Jeff & Donna Mosteller** provided a good cup of coffee to add to the pleasure of the donuts. The

new Port-A-Potty privacy tent added a new comfort level for this type of club activity. **Allen Mershon** presented tips on panning and use of a sluice. **Hank Innerfeld** led a class on dowsing. A great day for a great outing and as is said, a great time was had by all.

Thanks to all the members who are attending the meetings. The friendship and exchange of mining stories makes meeting night a thing to look forward to. Allen continues to come up with excellent speakers and the information shared will help all of us when we get out to do some prospecting.

Kathy Hawley tells me the gold drawing ticket sales are brisk on meeting night so arrive early to avoid the rush. Incidentally, take some time to look at the nuggets she has picked for the drawings. She keeps hinting to me that she wants to come up with a 3- or 4-gram nugget for the

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Al Mosch, owner of the Phoenix Gold Mine near Idaho Springs, is the featured speaker for our June meeting. At the time he bought the Phoenix in 1972, he was working as a silver miner (prior to that, he had worked at the Climax Molybdenum Mine and mines in Utah).

The Mosch family is one of the longest continuous mining families in Colorado, from Rudolf (George) to Hans to Al, and now to Al's son David, who also has operated several mines in Colorado.

Al is an accomplished storyteller. Encouraged to set his

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

The Summer season is just around the corner!



Just want to recap a few things mentioned at the club meeting. First off, Donna and I had a great visit with **Barbara Thielemann** at the new Central City Visitors Center. It's located just about middle of Main Street opposite of the old Toll Gate Saloon, two doors north of the old location. It's several times as big as the old center

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!

Lloyd G. Clements Community Center

1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado

(One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)

7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Information: (303) 933-1147

Website: <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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 stories down in writing, Al has written three books (so far): *Legend of the Silver Senator*, *Hot Rock Derelicts*, and *The One Hundred Dollar Bill*. The first volume is 125 pages and the latter two have been combined into a single volume of 137 pages. Both volumes are available for purchase at the Phoenix Gold Mine.

Al brings with him veteran miner "Jolly" Roger. June's meeting is one you won't want to miss!

Thanks to Speakers Coordinator **Allen Mershon** for making the arrangements for Al to join us.

(See expanded story on Al and the Phoenix in our November, 2003 issue. ~Ed)

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 drawing later this year. I don't think she has one that big for the June meeting but be sure to check her article in this newsletter for an update on what she has planned.

The new shirts and caps with the new logo are a hit with the members. We have sold out of some of the sizes. I will be placing an order for more shirts that may be here by the June meeting night.

There are so many people doing so much for the club that it is no wonder we are the #1 club along the Front Range. Do your part and volunteer for the outing or project of your choice.

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

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 and it takes up three floors. Bullwhackers Casino is just about ready to open up on the south end of Main St. and the new highway is set to open up in November of this year.

We've been in contact with **Barbara Boyer** in Arvada and we have a prime location at Grandview Ave. and Webster St. for the Gold Strike Festival this year. We'll be doing a walk-through with her in the next few weeks. While we're on the subject of Arvada, Old Wadsworth Boulevard is a mess, as they are doing a major reconstruction from Grandview north. It's really affecting the businesses in that area and the Territorial Trader is suffering and may not be able to hold out until construction is completed. Please help support his shop any way you can.

The caricature of **Ken Barker** was applied to the trailer last month; we'll be bringing the trailer to next month's meeting so you can see what has been done. Thank you very much to the boys at Fast Signs over on South Broadway in Littleton for the



Food for Thought

By Donna Mosteller,
 Refreshments Coordinator

Well, we got cleaned out on snacks this last meeting. What a great turn out (in the 90s!) was there. Let's keep doing it.

Thanks go to **Ed Finney** for the chocolate covered strawberries. He took the time to dip them himself--great job, Finney. Thanks to **Hank Innerfeld** for his tasty (as usual) banana bread and to **LeRoy Lamgo** for the early Memorial Day cake.

Because we have a lot of newcomers, I'd like to go over how the snack table works once again: the club provides drinks, plates, flatware, and one snack-type item. If you wish to bring something, please feel free to do so at your own expense, but try to let me know the week before the meeting so I can make sure I have enough and the right kind of stuff for serving. And thanks to all those who helped me clean up!

Now food for thought. Here's another old recipe I got from *The Early American Cookbook* for William L. Garrison's Baked Beans. Garrison was born in Boston in 1804. He was an uncompromising opponent of slavery and founded the American Anti-Slavery Society in 1832. Here is his recipe for Boston Baked Beans in poetic verse.



work they did on the caricature.

Lou Bunch day is off the agenda as it falls on the Bemis Library date. No second date set by city. We're down to six events in Central City.

Thanks to those who signed up to help us out, I hope more folks just wander in and lend a hand.

Jesse Peterson at Vic's Gold Panning on Hwy. 119 says his wife is coming along great, still needs a caretaker to watch the panning operation, and had a highbanker day free event on May 29.

I have to say the Annual Metal Detecting/Coin Hunt outing coordinated by **Shawn & Pinie Conell** was a hoot! I would guess around 40 folks showed up for some fun on the creek. Not only was the coin shoot-out a success but several folks braved

Boston Baked Beans

William L. Garrison

If, my dear housekeeper, you should ever wish
 For breakfast or dinner a tempting dish
 Of the beans so famous in Boston town,
 You must read the rules I here lay down.
 When the sun has set in golden light
 And around you fall the shades of night,
 A large, deep dish you first prepare;
 A quart of beans select with care;
 And pick them over, until you find
 Not a speck or a mote is left behind.
 A lot of cold water on them pour
 Till every bean is covered o'er,
 And they seem to your poetic eye
 Like pearls in the depth of the sea to lie;
 Here, if you please, you may let them stay
 Till just after breakfast the very next day,
 When a parboiling process must be gone through,
 I mean for the beans, and not for you;
 Then, if, in the pantry, there still should be
 That bean pot, so famous in history,
 With all due deference bring it out
 And, if there's a skimmer lying about,
 Skim half the beans from the boiling pan
 Into the bean pot as fast as you can;
 Then turn to Biddy and calmly tell her
 To take a huge knife and go to the cellar;
 For you must have, like Shylock of old,
 'A pound of flesh,' ere your beans grow cold;
 But, very unlike the ancient Jew,
 Nothing but pork will do for you.
 Then tell once more your maiden fair,
 In the choice of the piece to take great care,
 For a streak of fat or a streak of lean,
 Will give the right flavor to every bean!
 This you must wash, and rinse, and score,
 Put into the pot, and 'round it pour
 The rest, till the view presented seems
 Like an island of pork in an ocean of beans;
 Pour on the boiling hot water enough to cover
 The tops of the beans completely over.
 Shove into the oven and bake till done
 And the triumph of Yankee cookery's won!

the cold Clear Creek waters and found some nice gold. I think **Hank Innerfeld** made a few believers out of skeptics during his dowsing lessons. I forwarded photographs to the Editor and Webmaster, **Dick Oakes**, who has already posted them on the GPR website (see the new entry under Outings in the Activities section).

The out house also was a success. Many people said it was the best purchase the club had made in years, and how did we ever get along with out it? Instructions for the out house use will be laminated and hung in the enclosure for those of you who haven't used a Port-A-Potty before.



Dirt, Rocks, and a Little Creek Water

By Carol Oakes

The May 22nd GPR Metal Detecting/Coin Hunt outing was a blast! We had a wonderful time hunting for buried treasure both with metal detectors and with dowsing rods and pendulums and witnessing speed panning demonstrations, but we also were treated to a lively discussion about gold panning by **Allen Mershon**.

While the coins were being buried in preparation for the hunt, Alan took us all down by creek side where he showed us pans full of dirt, rocks, and a little creek water and told us that they were full of gold. He first passed around the filled pans to groups of three eager panners each and proceeded to show us several different methods of finding that gold in the pan. He talked us through the usual circular swirling method, demonstrated it, and then let us try it for ourselves. We all found gold in our pans!



In keeping with the adage that what works for one panner doesn't always work for another, he then showed us several alternate methods of getting to the gold in the pan. One alternate method involved creating a crescent of raw materials in our pans and then washing the gold off the man-made sandbar with rocking motions of the water. Another technique that will probably take most of us a while to master came from an Alaskan gold panner and is called the Blueberry Bounce. The gold is first stratified in the pan and then bounced with small taps against the side of the pan to make the gold 'jump' out of the raw materials. As in his first demonstration, Alan consistently talked us through the steps we were going to try for each new technique, showed us what to do, and then checked up on us to see what questions and problems we were having with the technique being taught.

Alan next proceeded to give us tips on where to find gold in streams. He reminded us that water needs to be flowing more than eight feet per second to carry gold and less than that flow to drop it.

Alan taught us that we shouldn't pan for gold at the creek edge of a valley where gold has not been found before -- it won't be there unless there has been a recent major upheaval of rock and dirt up the valley. Instead we should look for gold for where it has been found in the past; the Spring

runoff will consistently bring down more gold to the same place year after year.

Look for high water areas in the stream, where rocks and boulders have been washed clean by the runoff. These rocks signal places in the stream where gold could be found in front of the piled up boulders and even behind them where the water slowed down. Alan warned us to not dig under the larger boulders, though, as they could roll over and injure us. He pointed out places in the creek where he prefers to pan.

After telling us that sandbars are not usually a good place to find gold, Alan proceeded to tell the Idaho Springs story of all the gold found in that town on a sandbar, reminding us that gold can really be found anywhere that there is a natural "V" to slow the water and that such was the case in Idaho Springs.

We heard that it is more important to dig deep in a small area to find that elusive gold than it is to dig a large area. Gold is heavy and it is driven to the bottom of an area by the motion of the water around it. Alan also warned us that when we find a solidified layer of material that is above bedrock, it is probably a waste of our time to break through that layer as the water will have pushed the gold over it as well and moved it further downstream to drop it later in a slower place.

There were many smiling faces in the crowd as the demonstration ended; we had all found gold in our pans and were armed with new techniques and hints on where to find gold in our Colorado streams.

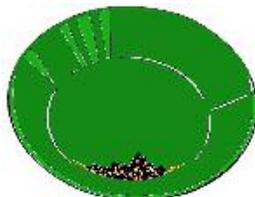
Speed Panning

By Shirley Weinau

Wow! What a time everyone had Saturday, May 22nd, at the metal detecting/coin hunt outing! Several special companion events were displayed, including ours on competition speed panning.

Larry and I walked everyone through various speed panning techniques, including the one that will be used during competition at the Prospecting Rally from June 25th through 27th. Several people got involved and everyone who tried was able to complete a speed panning in under one minute. Three lessons is all it takes.

"Amazing," is what several people said. The crowd asked Larry and me to do a panning competition against each other and by golly, one of us won. Guess who?



The Dowsing Experience

By Hank Innerfeld, Dowsing Coordinator



After the metal detecting treasure hunt at our May 22nd outing, I taught a 1/2-hour dowsing class to all who were interested. We had 19 people join us. Most were curious to see if it was even possible for them to dowse, the rest

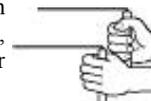
to see if they could expand upon their previous dowsing experiences.

The most recognized term for dowsing in the United States is "water-witching," in which the dowzers use their skills to locate underground water sources.

Everyone attending the class received a pendulum and a set of L-rods provided by the club. Within fifteen minutes, everyone seemed to be able to get clear yes/no answers using their pendulums, much to the surprise of many members. We then used a number chart to expand our yes/no dowsing abilities (again using the pendulums) to ask for our current ages. We then discussed and briefly practiced using the L-rods for getting yes/no answers and, while more time consuming, how to use the L-rods to determine numeric answers.

Then everyone went searching for 6 targets previously hidden in the same field where the treasure-hunt was conducted. This proved rather challenging to all for a number of reasons. First, because our dowsing abilities flow through the right side of our brains and our logical thoughts from the left side, just the excitement of a treasure-hunt kept many operating in their left brain, which automatically limits the accuracy of the results. Second, because the same field was previously used with hidden targets for the metal-detecting treasure hunt, there were many energies and intentions present that affected getting accurate results. For example, **Shirley Weinau** kept being guided to and finding targets from the previous hunt in her efforts to find the buried dowsing targets. Third, it takes practice to develop the ability to ask questions and have confidence in the responses--usually more practice than just 30 minutes--but it was a great experience for all!

Everyone had a great time. Everyone also was excited to begin awakening their dowsing abilities, which, with practice, will allow them to use their dowsing skills to be more successful not only in their gold prospecting efforts, but in many areas of their daily lives.



2nd Annual GPR Coin & Pinpoint Hunt Prize Winners & Donors

By Shawn & Pinie Conell and Joe Johnston

Winner	Prize	Donor
#1 - Dick Oakes	1.1 gram Gold Nugget	Randy Solomon
#2 - Don Tiglas	Panning Kit	Wayne McCarroll
#3 - Diane McCarroll	Jewelry Tweezers Set	Wayne McCarroll
#4 - Wayne McCarroll	1.0 gram Placer Gold (<i>Pinpoint Hunt</i>)	Allen Mershon
#5 - Dakota Keyser	Thermos and Cup Set	Joe Johnston
#6 - Milt Collum	Classifier	Wayne McCarroll
#7 - Diane McCarroll	Silver Ring	Ed Finney
#8 - Larry Weilnu	Gold Ring	Ed Finney
#9 - Jay Nunn	Loupe	Wayne McCarroll
(Prize Not Won)	Gold & Diamond Necklace and Earring Set	LeRoy Lamgo
(Prize Not Won)	Battery Tester	Joe Johnston
(Prize Not Won)	President's Coin	Gary Hawley



A GPR Outing to Remember

May 22, 2004

By Dick Oakes

President **Gary Hawley** said, "A great day for a great outing and as is said, a great time was had by all." Vice President **Jeff Mosteller** said, "The Annual Metal Detecting/Coin Hunt outing coordinated by **Shawn & Pinie Conell** was a hoot!" Dowsing Coordinator **Hank Innerfeld** said, "Everyone had a great time." Member **Carol Oakes** said, "The May 22nd GPR Metal Detecting/Coin Hunt outing was a blast!" And I say, "I couldn't have said it better!"

Whew, doggies . . . take a look at the prizes awarded! You'll note that every one of them was donated by a club member. Now that's dedication, folks--the kind of dedication that has made the GPR, as Gary is always quick to say, the #1 club along the Front Range. The entire GPR membership thanks you donors for heeding Shawn's and Pinie's call for prizes (especially me, having come up with the #1 prize, the 1.1 gram gold nugget donated by GPR member and supporter extraordinaire, **Randy Solomon**).

What you don't see in the list of donations and winners is the huge number of silver dimes awarded, one for each painted penny found, that were purchased by the club for this hunt. Lots of pennies--lots of dimes; it was a Silver Jubilee!

From the get-go, I knew it was going to be a fun outing when **Jeff & Donna Mosteller** showed up with the Cambro full of hot coffee to go along with the four dozen still-warm Krispy Kremes that Carol had picked up that morning. Yummmmy! Then it was off to the hunting grounds where everyone policed the area and picked up all the trash we could find, which we donated to the garbage bags back at the "judges' table" where Judge Pinie held sway. After that, while detecting participants were down at the creek with **Allen Mershon**, the hunt coordinators and helpers (which included **Joe Johnston**) planted the day's "treasure."

Finally, having learned all about how streams carry and deposit gold and various panning methods from Allen, back up the creek bank the detectorists swarmed to surround the hunting grounds with raised detectors and high anticipation. With the piercing call of the whistle bird, coils hit the ground swinging and the hunt was on. The hunting was conducted in intense silence, except for the occasional immortal yell of Archimedes, "Eureka! I have found it!"

For the most part, in true GPR treasure hunters' tradition, we picked up our trash as we went, filled our holes before we moved on, and took pride in knowing we had not only competed fairly and in accordance with the club's treasure hunting ethics, but had left the area sprouting far less metal trash than when we had arrived.

When the "clear the field" whistle sounded, detectorists headed for the garbage bags to stash their trash and then to the judges' table where **LeRoy Lamgo** counted the loot and Pinie recorded the items found and handed out the prizes.

Then it was the judges' turn to sweep the field for left-over treasure that had not yet been found, while Hank got the neophyte dowsing group together and Joe ran the detector pinpointing sideshow booth. While none of the dowsing trainees found their targets, there being too much interference from previously hidden targets causing left-brain/right-brain confusion that hampered their ability to connect to their higher state of guidance, **Wayne McCarroll** came closest to scientifically pinpointing a penny on the back of a slice of cardboard using a metal detector and won the coveted vial of gold donated by Allen.

It wasn't over yet, however, as **Larry & Shirley Weilnu** stepped up to the tub! Speed panning is their game and famous is the Weilnu name. These two nationally known competitors showed their stuff to the plodders among the group then turned the pans over to us. It was fun and informative, too. (Watch for another national champion to come from the now well-trained GPR membership!)

As the shadows and the queue for the Port-A-Potty enclosure were lengthening, everyone not lined up began pitching in to haul tables, chairs, bins, and all the rest of the day's necessary equipment under the highway and up to the parking lot. Then, with everything stowed in the club trailer and members' vehicles, the group parted company; some headed downhill for home and others uphill to the Red Dolly Casino for a four-dollar prime rib dinner and a shot at the slots.

This was the best time I've ever had at one of our GPR club outings. I know others, too, will be saying the same thing when the club gets back together at the June meeting and we all thank Shawn, Pinie, Joe, Allen, Hank, Larry, Shirley, Jeff, Donna, LeRoy, Carol, and everyone else who helped make the day, May 22, 2004, a GPR outing to remember.

GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Presenter/Coordinator(s)
Jun	5	11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	Gregory Day, Visitors Center, Main Street, Central City, (800) 542-2999	Jeff Mosteller
	12-13	See times at right...	Panning Demo	Gold Strike Festival, Olde Town Arvada, Grandview Ave. & Webster St. Sat. 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sun. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Jeff Mosteller
	16	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	<i>Presentation: "Turning Rocks Into Gold"</i>	Al Mosch and "Jolly" Roger
	19	11:00 a.m.	Panning Demo	Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton	Jeff Mosteller
	25-27	9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	Rocky Mountain Miners Rally, Argo Mine, Idaho Springs. Panning demos Saturday & Sunday only.	Jeff Mosteller
Jul	3-4	11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	Freedom Festival, Visitors Center, Main Street, Central City, (800) 542-2999 (Panning demos all three days.)	Jeff Mosteller
	10	7:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.	Panning Demo	National Costumers Association Meeting, DIA Holiday Inn, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, (303) 371-9494	Jeff Mosteller
	21	7:00 p.m.	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	24-25		Panning Demo	UNCONFIRMED Buffalo Bill Days, Golden Panning demos both days, if scheduled.	Jeff Mosteller

All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities are asked to **be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people** and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PANNING DEMOS ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE START TIME.



Notes from GPR Meetings of May 19, 2004

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Pinie Conell, Shawn Conell, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Allen Mershon, Joe Shubert, Terry Weatherly.
Unable to Attend: Sue Clover, Ken Oyler.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence

Newsletter from R.M.P.T.H., membership renewals.

Committee Reports

Report: Drawings, Outings, Monthly Q&A, Club Store, Panning Demos, Refreshments, Speakers, Bylaws, S.O.P., Membership, Newsletter, Website, Publicity, and Advertising.

No Report: Library H&V, Monthly Q&A, Vendors, Dowsing, Prospecting, Nominating, Ken Barker Award, Metal Detecting, Find of the Month/Year.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Ongoing.

Metal Detector Hunt. Shawn & Pinie Conell. All on schedule for May 22. Dick & Carol Oakes will bring Krispy Kremes; Jeff & Donna Mosteller will bring coffee. These goodies only available to members who arrive at hunt site at 8:00 a.m. to help with cleanup of site.

Liability Insurance and Nonprofit Organization Status. Hank Innerfeld, who attended the Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations (C.A.N.P.O.) meeting, gave an update.

New Business

Logo Items. Gary Hawley will be ordering more shirts with the new club logo (minimum order is 48 units at a time).

Planned Outings

See "GPR Events Calendar" in the newsletter and on the website.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting: June 16, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: June 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: Bill Chapman, Glenn "Tumbleweed" Godat and Bill "Buckwheat" Stiver of Pushbutton Prospecting will talk about "Metal Detecting Colorado Gold."

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



General Meeting

by Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

Call to order by Prez Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by Shirley Weilnau.

Larry & Shirley Weilnau mentioned that about 19 GPR members were at the recent GPAA gold show in Denver. At the show, Larry won first prize and Shirley won second prize in the panning competition. Prizes were copper and brass gold pans.

Introduction of attending members of the Board of Directors. Introduction of guests.

Gary read the Treasurer's Report for Kathy Hawley.

VP Jeff Mosteller visited the new visitor's center in Central City. It is much larger and nicer than the old one. Also the new highway from I-70 is on schedule. The caricature of Ken Barker is now on the club trailer. Jeff read the June schedule for panning demos and asked for volunteers to sign up to assist. He mentioned that one need not commit to the entire day but that any help, even an hour or two, would be much appreciated. Also, no need to be in period costume to help out.

Jeff said that Jesse Peterson needs a caretaker for gold panning at Vic's Gold Panning on Hwy. 119. Also, that May 29 will be a free high-banker day at Vic's.

Jeff mentioned on-going club liaison with elected officials, for example, county boards, to emphasize to them the educational-historical nature of the club and the club's respect for property and the environment. Club members again are asked to comport themselves accordingly.

Shirley mentioned that club members may attend the panning demos to learn how to pan.

Gary mentioned the group that visited the mining museum at Colorado Springs. The tour was arranged, as usual, by Shawn & Pinie Conell and was enjoyed by all who attended. Among attendees was Larry Boyes, who found the famous "bird's nest" nugget, a photograph of which is displayed at the museum. Larry thus became a celebrity to the museum staff who asked for the details of its discovery.

Jeff announced that copies of the Scully catalogs are now available for those who wish to order authentic period costumes or articles. Gary again warned that no knives or working guns are permitted for any club activities.

Rick Miska asked his "Question of the Month" as announced in the newsletter.

Dick Oakes gave the membership report.

Pinie gave details of the club outing scheduled for May 22. Hank Innerfeld said that he will give dousing instructions after the metal detector competition and that participants will afterward be invited to try their skill. Dousing pendulums and rods will be provided. Gary added that there will be gold panning and sluicing for those who do not have metal detectors.

In Jefferson County Open Space, digging is permitted only in the stream beds. Also, no undercutting of bank boulders or of any trees. No motorized equipment is allowed at 70th and Washington, which is private property, nor on Clear Creek or South Platte River through Adams County.

After the break, Gary reminded members to see Jim Davis or Allen Mershon regarding trips to Alaska.

Allen introduced speakers Bill Chapman, Bill Stiver, and Glenn

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The Deadman Claim at Leadville was located in the late 1860s. Scotty, a prospector, had died, and the cold grave diggers were slow going through ten feet of snow and six feet of ground, so Scotty's body was stuffed in a snow bank. After three days of digging, pay dirt was found in the grave, and the body was completely forgotten until it showed up in the Spring melt. ~Al Look

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

2.3 gram nugget.....	Pat Kime
1.5 gram nugget.....	Joe Shubert
1.2 gram nugget.....	Pinie Conell
1.1 gram nugget.....	Don Fling
0.9 gram nugget.....	Cindy Douthard
0.9 gram nugget.....	Ken Oyler
0.8 gram nugget.....	Vito Giorgio
0.7 gram nugget.....	Donna Mosteller
0.7 gram nugget.....	Bob Ryan
0.6 gram nugget.....	Vito Giorgio
0.6 gram nugget.....	Ron McLain
0.5 gram nugget.....	Allen Mershon

Door Prize Drawings

0.5 gram nugget.....	Dot Giorgio
(Donated by Randy Solomon)	
\$20.00	Donna Salsbery
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Topo Map.....	Paul Blankenheim
(Donated by Mike Weidmann)	

June Birthdays



The following GPR members were born in June. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

David Barber, Denise Blankenheim, Debbie Bothwell, Lynne Bernard, Ron Catton, Chelsea Chapman, Frank Conte, Jim Jarnutowski, Barbara Jensen, Jerry

Jensen, Marc Johnson, Pat Kime, Lila McConnell, Fritz Meyer, Lewis Mitcham, Ken Oyler, Bob Salsbery, Rose Stewart, Annamarie Vormittag, and Shirley Weinau.

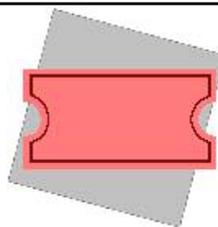
GPR member born in June but your name isn't here? Contact the Editor!

Larry Boyes Moving to Idaho!

Yep, it's true! Intrepid prospector and hall-of-fame detectorist, Larry "Bird's Nest Nugget" Boyes, is leaving beautiful Colorado to settle in beautiful Idaho. He'll be heading out about mid-June. Our best wishes go with Larry for a great future in "The Gem State."

The Q&A

By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator



The **Question for May** was:

Q: What "Prim and Proper" Colorado town, having no saloons and boasting a well stocked library, claims to be the site of Colorado's first silver strike in 1863?

A: Coleyville, which became Sts. John, which became St. John

Source: *Summit: A Gold Rush History of Summit County, Colorado* by Mary Ellen Gilliland, Softcover, 336 pp., Alpenrose Press, 1980, Page 250.

The **Question for June** is:

Q: What famous Colorado meat lover was paroled on January 7, 1901, by Governor Charles Thomas?

Members who submit a correct answer to this question at the next meeting will receive a ticket for the nugget drawing.

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer/Secretary

I thank the following people for donations for the May door prize drawings:

Randy Solomon - gold nugget

LeRoy Lamgo - \$20.00 cash

Mike Weidmann - Topo map

Ticket sales were brisk again at the May meeting. We still have some gold from Anvil Creek, Nome Alaska and one nugget from Fairbanks, Alaska. Approximately 14.0 grams will be given away to our lucky ticket holders. **At the June meeting we will have three nuggets over 2 grams each, with the biggest being 2.4 GRAMS!**

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and

Good Luck!

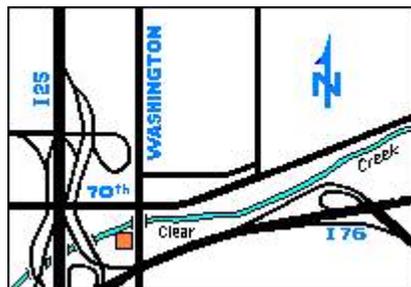
Welcome New Members and Guests

By Dick Oakes, Membership Coordinator

Family members joining the GPR in May were **Ryan Lambrecht**, and **Ronald McKee & Carol Wolfe**.

Our May guests included **Glenn "Tumbleweed" Godat** and **Bill "Buckwheat" Stiver** (two of our presenters for the evening), **Merrel Booker, Bryan Cabrera, Joe Cabrera, Dave & Lisa Maurer, Rod Meyers, Debbie Montgomery, Sean Ryan** (actually a family member), and **Don Thorpe**.

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We meet at the Lloyd G. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado, on the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. sharp to educate members about gold prospecting and gold prospecting rules, review old and new products, coordinate outings, participate in drawings for door prizes and nuggets, socialize with like-minded friendly folks, and promote the pursuit of gold.

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Dick Oakes, Editor, goldnugget@phantomranch.net.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

SMALL HOUSE FOR SALE

This 2-bedroom house in Bonanza, Colorado, has a large kitchen, storage room, wood stove for cooking, and an electric heater. There is, however, no water available. Prospecting and hunting are allowed. \$18,000 (Negotiable/Trade). Contact Teena Swisher, (303) 428-5696, Ext. 237, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MILE HIGH DOWSERS CLUB MEETING

chapter of The American Society of Dowsers. Meets first Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Clements Comm. Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Mark Starr Bldg., Lakewood. Dowsing practice at 7:00 p.m. (303) 962-6565. \$5

TRAILER FOR SALE

Trailer made from a white half-ton Ford pickup bed (don't know year) with 15-inch tires and two-inch hitch-ball. \$125.00. Contact Rick Mika, (303) 404-2897, RichardM@imrgold.com

2 GOLD MINING CLAIMS FOR SALE OR TRADE

Each is 10 acres on Beaver Creek below Beaver Creek Park, good access road, mineral rights only (on USFS land), "Golden Bridge" claim #251958. \$1,000 each or \$1,600 for both or trade for a really good 4WD 3/4-ton pickup. Alan Hamaker, (303) 579-7978 or (303) 582-1771 Ext. 7259

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Proline 2-1/2-inch dredge with 4hp Honda and air compressor. Includes quick-release hoses, swivel nozzle, and double sluice for fine gold recovery. Great condition, low hours. Will sell for \$900 with air compressor or \$800 without. Steve Cychosz, 303-423-6260

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Shuttle Personal Transport System, 3-wheel mobility scooter, good condition, \$950. Contact Rose Ann or Jon Knight, (303) 450-0580 or (303) 252-1759

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WANTED: INSULATED STOVE PIPE

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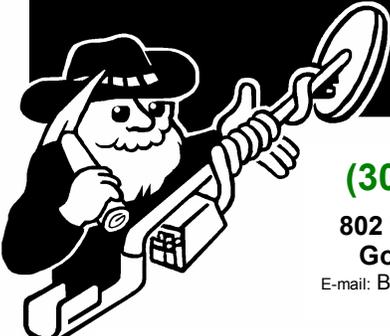
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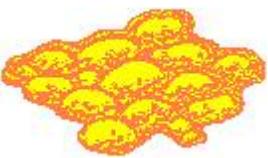
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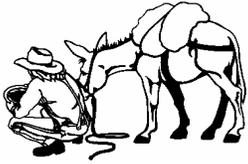
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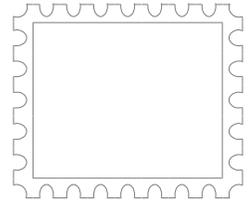


At his part-time job, the old prospector came back to work fifteen minutes late. The boss noticed and asked where he had been. "Getting a haircut." The boss said, "On company time?" "It grew on company time." "Not all of it," the boss replied. "So, I didn't get it all cut off."

The old prospector finally traded his donkey in for a Hummer. As he was driving around, checking out the new vehicle, he saw a dust cloud up ahead. Wondering what kind of fool could be whipping along so fast, he put the pedal to the metal, caught up, and found he'd been chasing himself!



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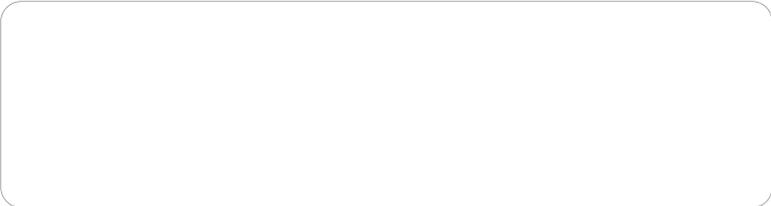
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FIRST CLASS



(Continued from General Meeting, page 6)

Godat. Bill Chapman, owner of Gold-N-Detectors, demonstrated the importance of buying the correct detector for Colorado conditions. He said that the best detector is not necessarily the most expensive; models selling for \$800 or a bit more are satisfactory for many applications. **Bill Stiver** and **Glenn Godat** gave a tutorial on metal detecting. They exhibited their outstanding collection of specimens as evidence of their method's success. They are hard rockers, not placerers, and concentrate their activities on old lode mine dumps. They point out that the old method of hand sorting of gold ores resulted in up to 40% losses which can now be found with metal detectors. This includes disseminated ores in which the gold cannot be seen. A key to separating gold from scrap metal and non-gold ores is the audible tone of the detector. They demonstrated with many examples. It was emphasized that prospectors always seek permission or authorization before any work is commenced, but that this can usually be obtained from land owners, if one is polite and respectful. On public lands, check with the appropriate government authority. Bottoms of mine dumps should be checked first on the presumption that the last material mined is often the best which could be found. Also free gold will tend to gravitate down slope.

Rick Miska gave the answer to the Question of the Month. There were many correct answers by members.

After the prize drawings the meeting was adjourned.

From the Library

By Dick Oakes

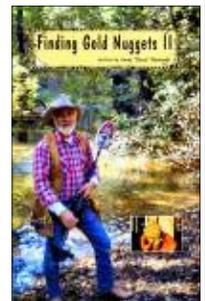
Finding Gold Nuggets II

Jimmy "Sierra" Normandi, White's Electronics, Inc., Sweet Home, Ore., c1985

Although this book is published by White's Electronics, manufacturers of the Goldmaster series of nugget detectors, everything in this book is applicable to the use of any detector for "shooting" nuggets.

Sierra takes you through which detector is best for gold prospecting, to manual ground canceling, to automatic ground canceling, to sensitivity control, loop sizes, transmitting frequencies, loop shapes, sensitivity controls, threshold hum, volume control, discrimination, headphones, tools, and much more. He includes a suggested book list and a glossary of terms.

A fine reference book, this 5 1/2- by 8 1/2-inch soft-cover book, #105, may be checked out of the GPR library.



The "GPR Cache" is On Its Way!

Shawn & Pinie Conell say we're still on target (so to speak) with a treasure hunt for GPR members!

A treasure worth upwards of \$150 will be secreted somewhere around the Denver metro area.

After finalization, Shawn & Pinie will post the GPR Cache rules and regulations at upcoming meetings.

Clues will be available **ONLY** at GPR general meetings (not in the newsletter or on the website).

Come to the meetings for details.

